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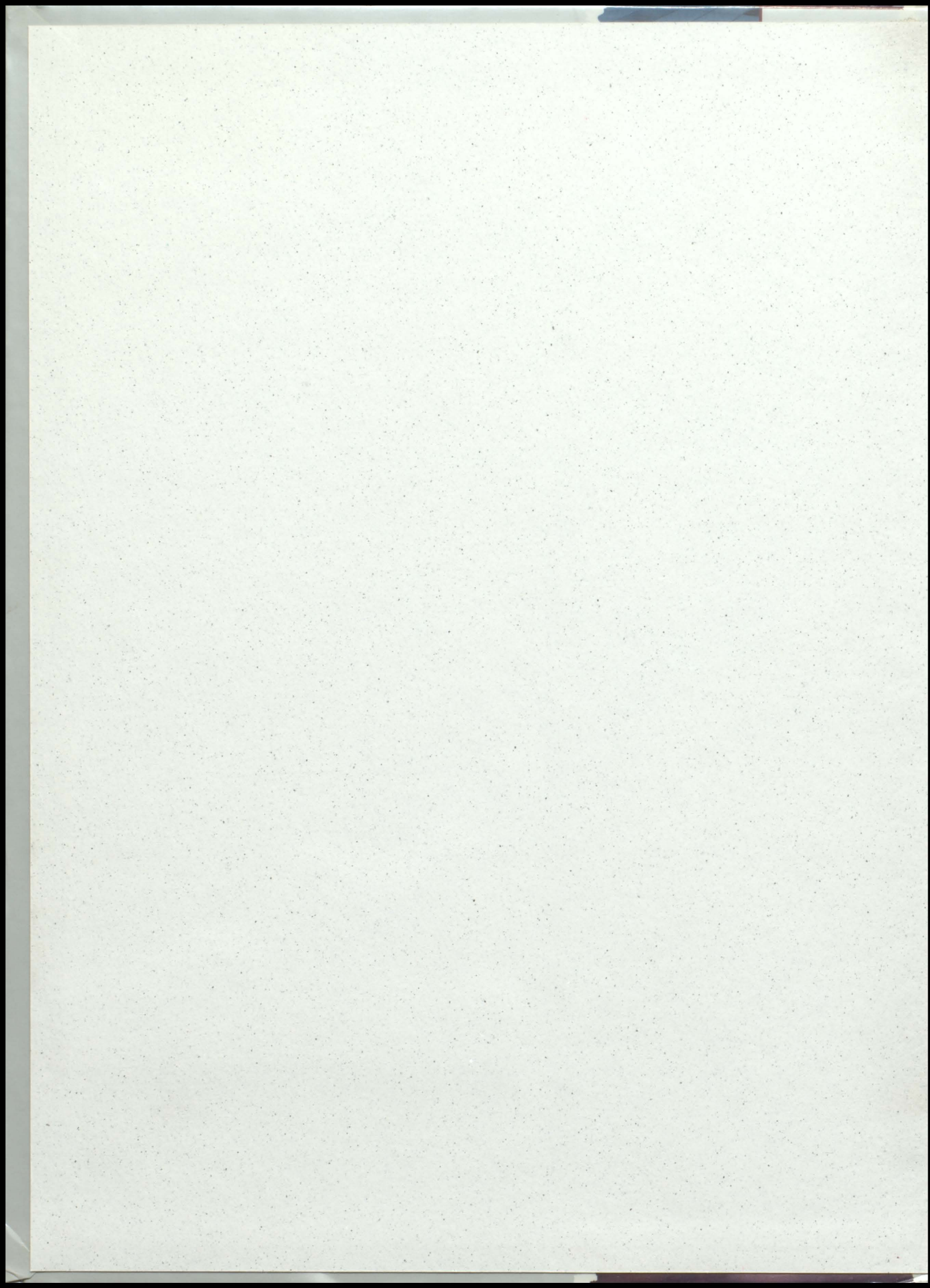
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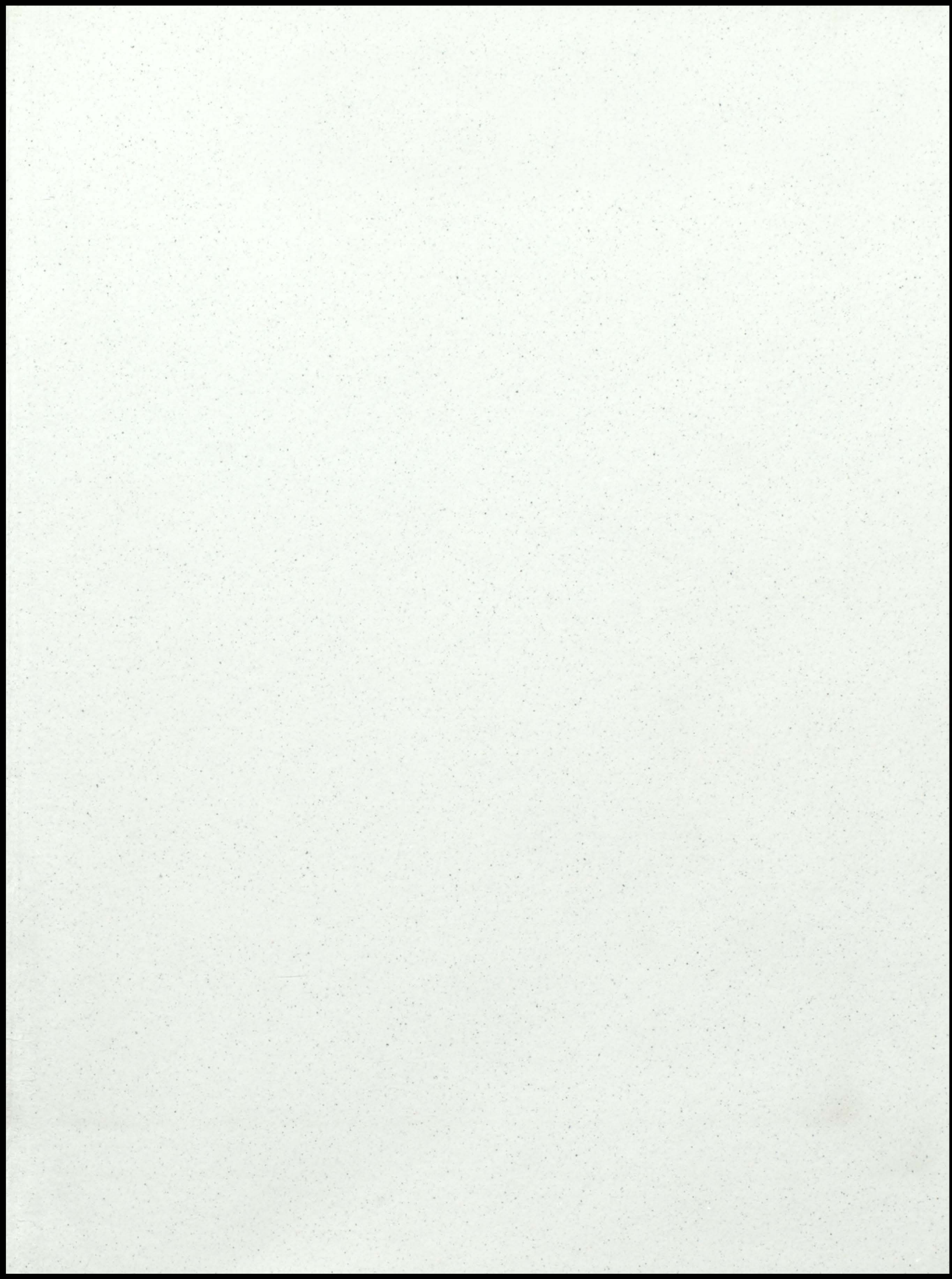
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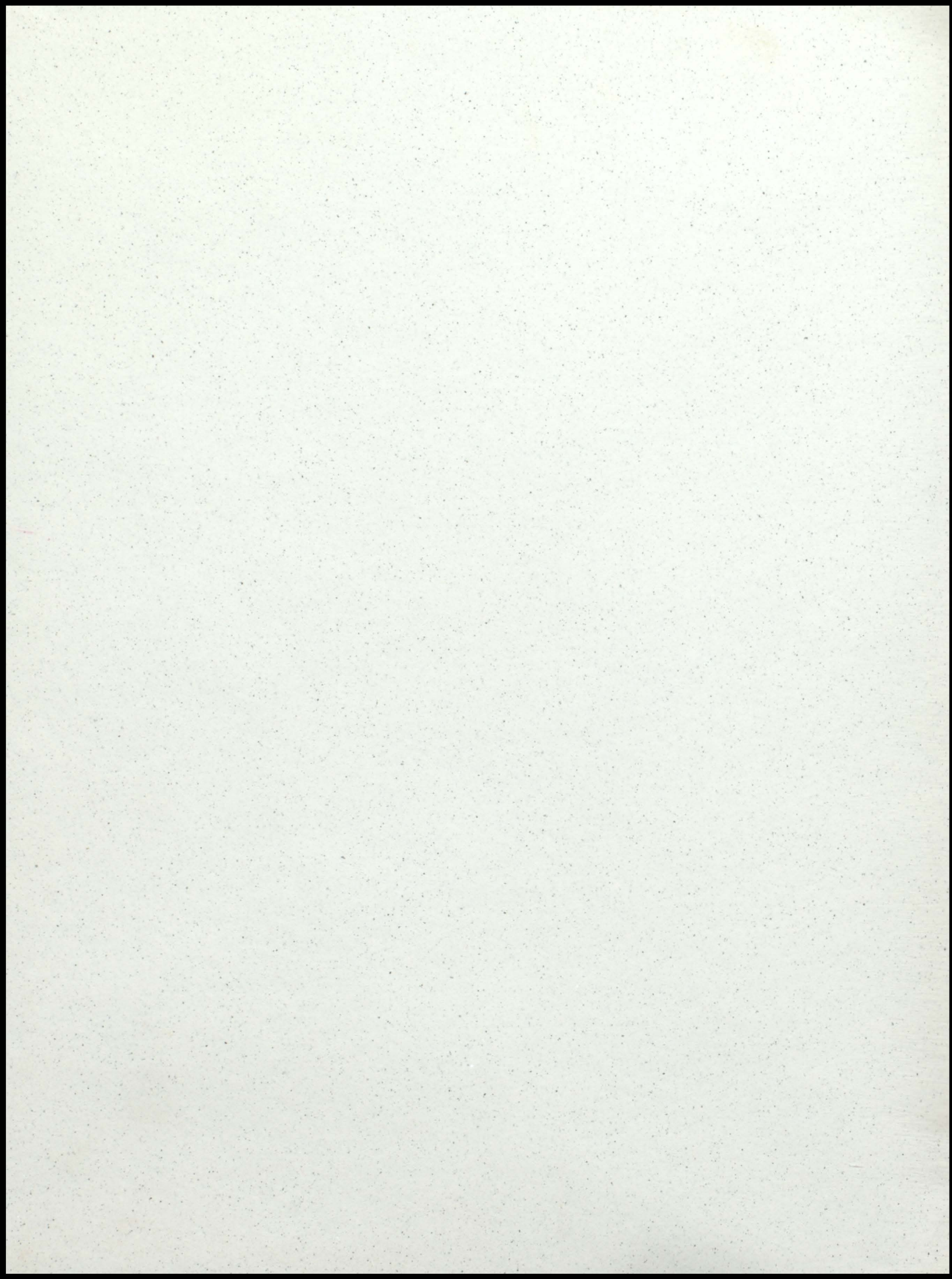














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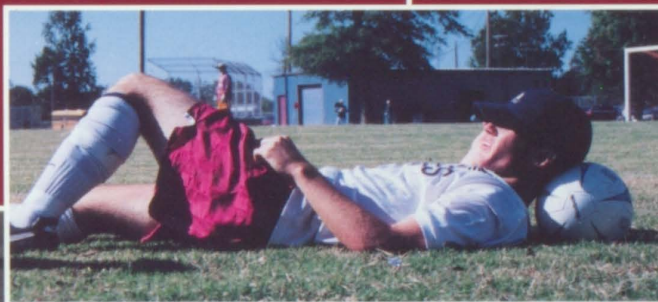
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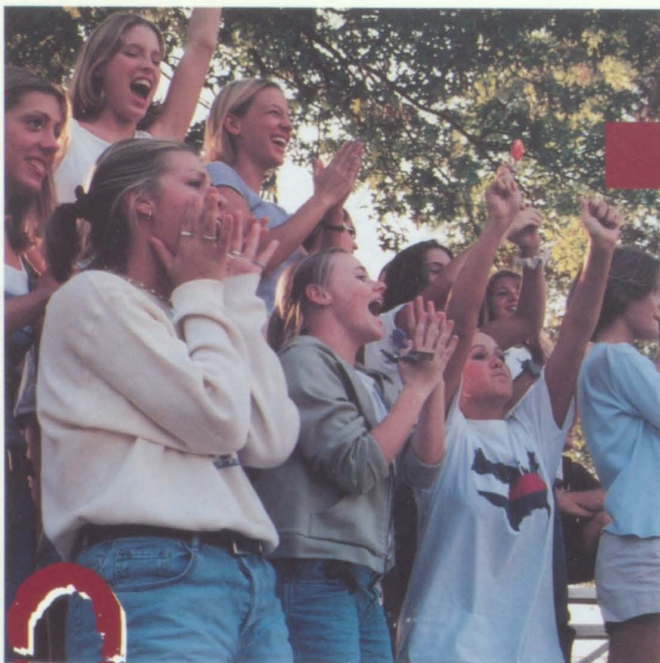
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Relaxing in the sunshine, senior Seth Merriman watches the junior varsity soccer game and waits until time for the varsity team to warm up.



Lined up and smiling, the cheerleaders perform their first dance of the year at the football homecoming assembly.





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# endure survival steadfast persisted overcome

Though algebra and Spanish taught us how to think, the circumstances of the year quickly taught us that we were going to also have to learn to **survive**.

In addition to being bombarded by new events, schedules, and teachers on the first day of school, we were also presented with a new attendance policy that we learned to *withstand*.

Classes *persisted* in spite of record-high temperatures in September and very little working air-conditioning. The freshmen quickly learned to *endure* the chants and signs from the seniors during the assemblies. Due to a large freshman class, students and teachers learned to *overcome* the hassles of having overcrowded classrooms, nine floating teachers, and a lack of textbooks.

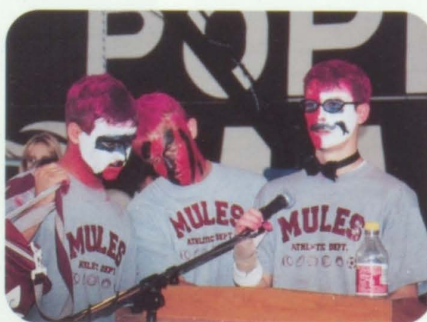
In spite of these trials, some did much more. Student Council *accomplished* having one of the biggest homecoming dances ever. Teachers remained *steadfast* with their conviction, "The Tassel's Worth the Hassel," by wearing their t-shirts every Monday.

The girls' tennis team **achieved** a winning season and, for the first time in 9 years, made it to the sectional tournament. To these students it was about more than just getting by and putting in desk time. It was

## survival.



I love getting to scrimmage. It's almost like taking a break from Coach Carda's running," junior Dustin Berry said. Freshman Chris Brown and Berry hustle after a ball during one of the first practices of the year.

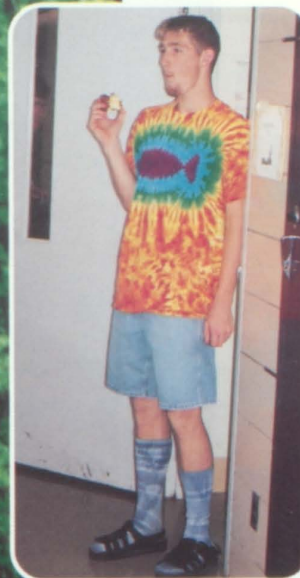


Three members of the Lettermen, seniors Jeff Hicks, Justin Duckett, and Eric Duncan, review their strategy over the microphone before the assembly. "We were a little unsure before the assembly, but once the crowd started cheering us on it made us motivated and everything went perfect," Duncan said.

O, go, you gotta get up and go!" junior Sandy Stevens yells at the first home football game of the year. "I love cheering at home games because it's great to watch all the little girls try to learn the cheers in front of you," Stevens said.

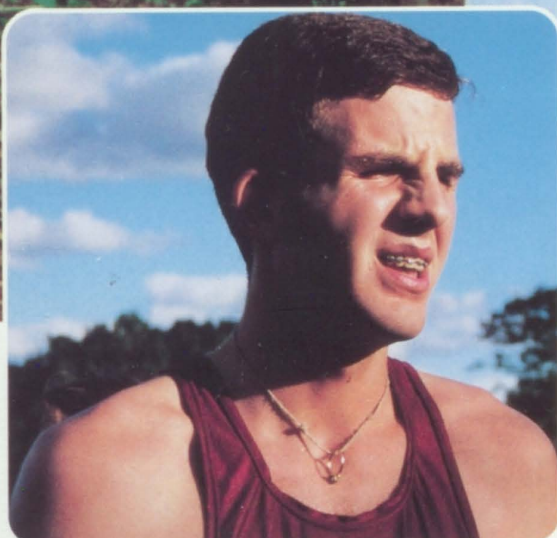




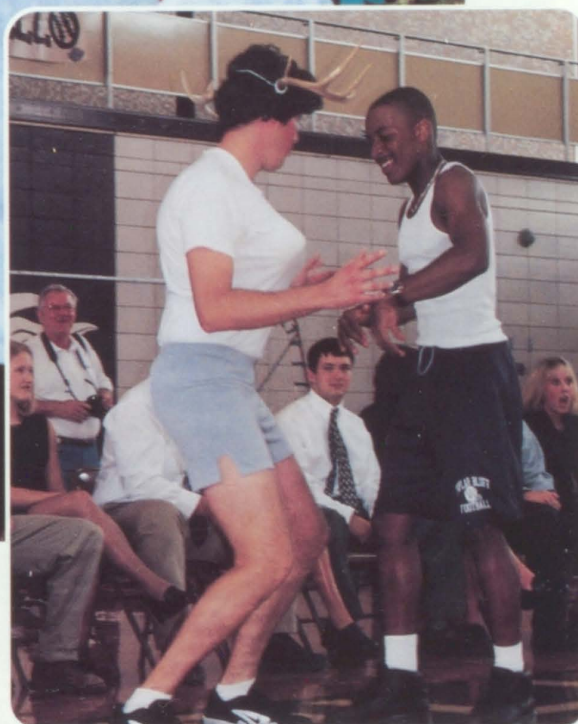


Though food and drink in the classroom is at the teachers' discretion, students still find time to grab a bite to eat. Junior John Robison takes a few minutes to munch on a healthy snack before class starts.

In the rustic setting of the woods, junior Heather Hoja shows off her skills. Rope-walking was one of many activities the volleyball team participated in during their ropes course at the Sears Youth Center. "The tight-rope walking was my favorite part. The whole thing was really fun, actually, because I did some stuff I'd never done before. It taught us to work together as a team, too," Hoja said.

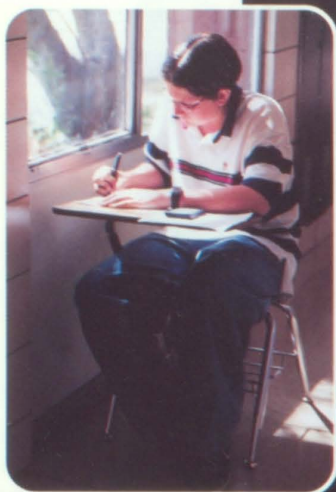


The sun blinds junior James Guise as he mentally prepares himself to run while waiting for the race to start at the Poplar Bluff Invitational. "The team ran a great race, even though there were only two teams there," Guise said. "It was still a great experience."



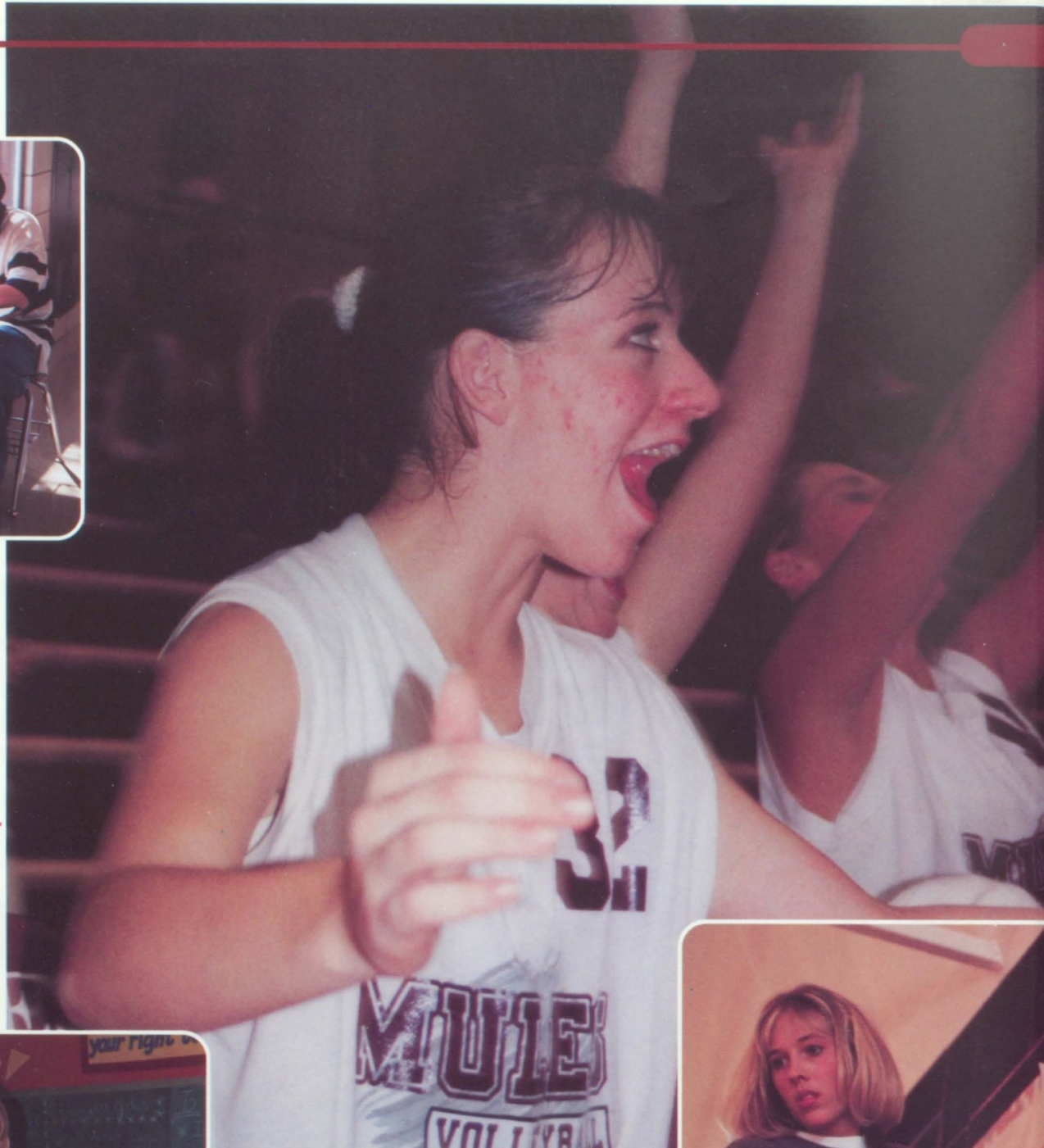
The homecoming court watches in astonishment as junior Rajeran George rushes out from the crowd to join Coach Dave Cunningham, math teacher, during the "Wanna be a Spice Girl" contest at the football homecoming assembly. "I think the best part of being on the homecoming court was getting a front row seat to the "Spice Girl" contest," senior Kristen Hall said. "Coach Cunningham and Rajeran were hilarious."





**P**ulling his desk over to the window, freshman Jeff Running looks for a little warmth to help him get through his algebra test. However, the window brought more than just warmth. "I got stung by a bee right after the picture was taken," Running said.

**S**ophomore Stacey Scott cheers with excitement as Whitney Ray makes a game-winning block against Clearwater. "It was really great winning that game because it was Coach (Pridy's) former team and we beat them in two games," Scott said.

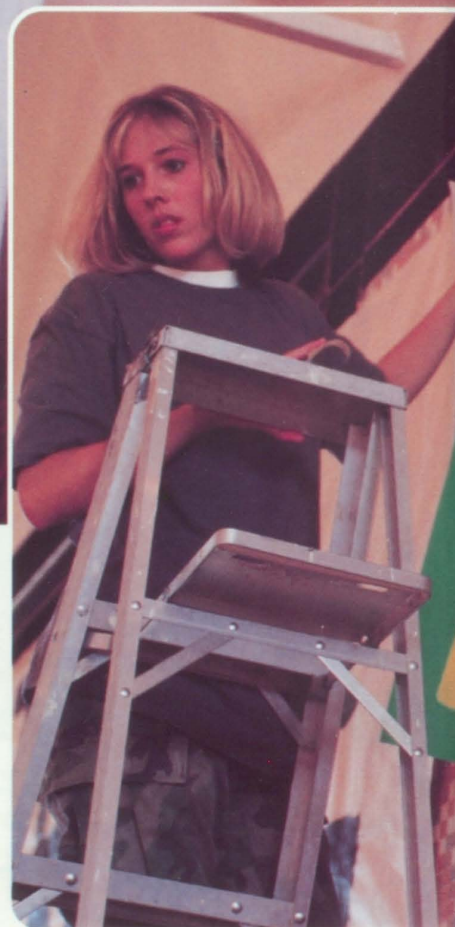


**S**eniors Gennie Gieselmann and Jocelyn Warner get into the spirit of the '80s on Time Warp Day as they crimp their hair and listen to "Every Rose Has Its Thorn" on the CD player. "That day was really nostalgic because I actually remember dressing like that," Warner said. "I never actually crimped my hair, though. I just used to braid it, so I had to have Gennie crimp it for me."



**C**heers of excitement and adrenaline are heard coming from the huddle of freshman football players as they come together and lift their helmets in the air. "Putting our helmets up gets the team pumped up. We play more as a team when we do it. We do it before and after a game," freshman Caleb Batson said.

**W**obbling slightly, senior Laura Jane Busby climbs to the top of the ladder to put up the homecoming court signs. "Is this straight?," Busby asks seniors Amy Love and Andrea Lovelace standing below her. "Laura Jane really scared me," Love said. "We were up on the catwalk and one time the ladder started wobbling really bad and I just knew she was going to fall off."





# goals

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# survival

endure sacrifice

Even though we were united as a school, each of us also overcame our own individual obstacles. Some of us struggled to identify ourselves and to *stand out* above the rest, while others just struggled to survive. When it came to determination, we pushed ourselves to the limit, *striving* to live up to academic expectations placed upon us by our parents, teachers, and most importantly, ourselves. We reached our *goals*, even when that meant *sacrificing* sleep and coming to school at seven in the morning to go to Math Lab.

Athletically, we rose to the occasion, learning to *endure* fierce competition, physical exhaustion, and even pain. Long hours of practice taught us *patience*, while the close games taught us *teamwork*.

Trying to find the perfect balance between school, work, practice, and fun, we felt the *pressure* from every direction. With that, we worked even harder at keeping smiles on our faces as we learned the art of

## survival.



The crowd listens intensely as the band makes their first appearance of the year at a home football game. Sophomore Mike Mittermeyer and freshman Samantha Hanley concentrate on staying in form and in time. "Before a performance I gotta start thinking about the music and how I'm going to play. While I'm out on the field, I think about staying in the form," Mittermeyer said. "I like playing the drums because it's an important instrument and you can hear it over everybody."



As the game intensifies, freshman Ashley Young and sophomore Adrienne Kullman watch closely in hopes that they will turn out victorious. "I was watching Amy Hendricks bat because I was hoping she would get a good hit. I really wanted to beat Twin Rivers," Young said.



# firm survival regain dominated maintained

While we were busy **surviving** in our own little world, the world around us came and went, leaving some impact on us. The Clinton scandal affected everyone, boring some, making others angry, and causing a great number of jokes to be bandied about. In spite of Congress trying to impeach him, he managed to appear **firm** and in control. Mark McGuire and Sammy Sosa made history as they **raced** to beat baseball's home run record. For several weeks, Americans were drawn to together as they watched baseball **regain** its standing as our favorite sport.

The rest of the world **remained** as volatile as ever: the stock market reached new heights, only to drop hundreds of points; the unrest in the Middle East **dominated** the news; floods, tornadoes, and hurricanes punished much of the country, much of the time; and schoolyard shootings seemed more common than uncommon. Yet the economy remained **stable**, the interest rates were down, and the local taxpayers were wise enough to pass a bond issue allowing us to build new high school classrooms. What didn't affect us directly, often affected us indirectly. Through the floods and market fluctuations, in spite of records and shootings, however, we **maintained**. We took tests, we made life decisions, we played, we laughed, and we spent a great deal of time just being. We made it after all. We are the **SURVIVORS.**



**O**n the night before the homecoming game and the first appearance of the Spirit Couch, junior Sara Lawson and senior Delania Worley put the finishing touches on the Spirit Couch. "We were the first ones to get to decorate the couch, so I feel like I've started a great tradition with school spirit," Lawson said. "We were spray painting the couch in Sarah's garage and we didn't realize the paint was going through on to the floor," Worley said. "I felt really bad because we made such a mess. We were a lot more careful after that, though."



**W**aiting for his name to be called for the Spice Girls contest, junior Steve Buenaga smiles as he watches the sophomore group performing their imitation of the Spice Girls. "Instead of doing the Spice Girls," said Buenaga, "my group broke out into the Backstreet Boys. The teachers ended up winning the contest, but I know the crowd liked us better."





Looking for a little excitement, senior Christian Salyer runs around in the rain between classes. Drenched from rain water, he tries ringing out his shirt.



Crystal Johnson, sophomore, prepares herself for the assembly by stretching and then going through her jumps. "I always go over the cheers in my head before we do them. If I don't think about it, I get really nervous and mess up sometimes," said Johnson. "We did okay, but the Spice Girls were my favorite part of the assembly."

Senior Jay Clark watches closely as junior Dustin Berry jumps off the diving board at the ECA pool party. "It was funny watching Dustin attempt to do a front flip, but instead, he kept doing belly flops," said Clark. "I cringed every time he tried it because of all the pain he must have been in."



"Present arms!" senior Darrell Dugger, Major, commands as the color guard presents the flags for the national anthem at each home football game. "Jeff (Kanell) and Sonny (Harrison) started arguing during the presentation and I had to tell them to shut up or leave," Dugger said.







"Life is a succession of moments. To live each one is to succeed." —Corita Kent

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the teacher continues her speech on commas as your thoughts shift from the mundane grammar assignment to the mandatory club meeting tonight. Then you remember the first home game is tonight. Maybe you can leave the meeting early and still make it to the game for halftime -or at least in time to mingle a while. Thank goodness you don't have to work tonight so you can get all your math and vocab done when you get home. With the whirlwind of activities, schedules, and assignments jumbling up your head, you realize -again- that high school isn't all the carefree fun you thought it would be and that thinking about commas is pretty much the last thing you want to do.

As the boy's soccer team scores another goal at their opening game against West Plains, the crowd of junior girls jumps to their feet. "Soccer is definitely the most exciting sport to watch," junior Jenny Gibbs said. "I like it better than football because it's more personable. You can actually see their faces." The Mules went on to win 5-3.



# August

## BEGINNING THE LONG CLIMB

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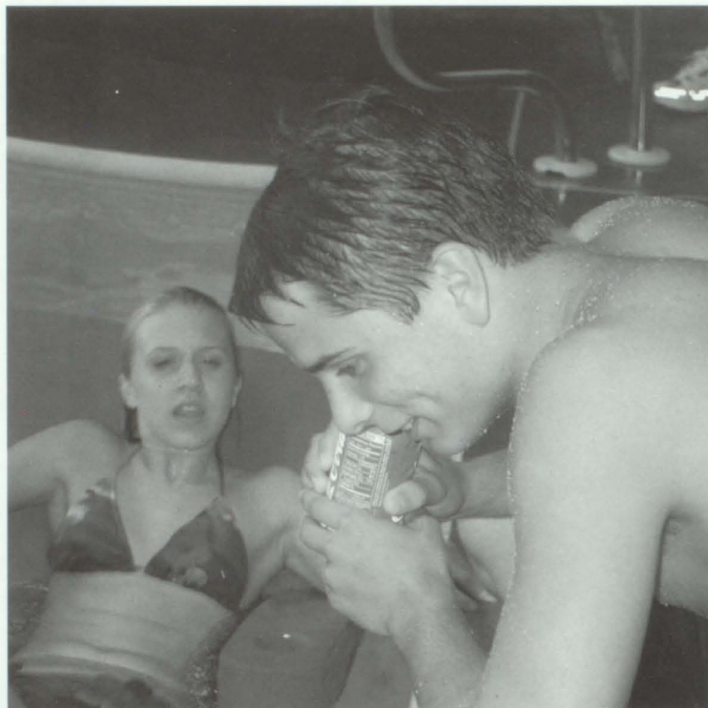
### SETTING GOALS

YIELD members listen as junior Andrew Mann explains his job as club vice-president and his goals for the year. YIELD meets weekly and gives students a chance to study the Bible and learn discipleship. "I am excited to be vice-president because it gives me an opportunity to reach out to school and to share Christ with others," Mann said. YIELD is the first club to get going in the school year. An average of 20 students attend the early morning meetings.



### ANOTHER FCA SUCCESS

School may have started, but the weather still said summer. So, FCA begins their new year with a swim party at Katie Farris' grandparents' house. The year's first coed meeting brings more people than in any year before, especially in the number of freshmen. For freshman Darren Hillis the party was just about perfect. "It had girls, swimming, and cake--what more could a guy ask for?" he said. Snacks added to the atmosphere, along with the attendance of several coaches/sponsors. After the swimming, sophomore president Megan Bridges speaks about the goals of the club for the year.



### A LEARNING EXPERIENCE

The annual Soap Scrimmage gives players a chance to compete for starting positions and coaches a chance to see the entire team in action. "It is a great way to help the younger kids, they really get a lot of experience," senior Matt Dodd said. "It's nice for the fans to see what their team is going to be like this year," Erick Schuermann, sophomore ball carrier said. Entrance into the scrimmage has traditionally been a bar of soap. An abundance of soap led to canned goods being the ticket for several years; this year soap was the ticket again.



### A HEAD START

The first day of school gives everyone a chance to start fresh. Freshman Peter Gross, like so many others, is determined to start the year off on the right foot, as he does his work in Mrs. Brown's 4th hour English class. Gross, like most freshmen, is apprehensive about the first day of school. "I was nervous, and couldn't find some of my classes, but everything turned out to be pretty cool," he said.



## OVER THE TOP

The volleyball team takes teamwork to a new level by working out at the ropes course at Sears Youth Center. Team members learn cooperation by doing different skills, including tightrope walking, balancing together on a box, and zip cord riding. Teammates help freshman Sara Swiney climb over "The Wall." The event requires each person to make it over the wall, but the ones already over can't assist the others. "It was a lot of work, but once everyone was over, it seemed well worth it," Swiney said.



## LEARNING THE ROPES

Freshman orientation is a learning experience for everyone. Seniors give tours of the school to freshmen and their parents and answer any questions. Orientation relieves freshmen of some of the anxiety they may feel from beginning high school. Senior Shelly Walz shows freshman Brianne Sharp how to open a locker, never an easy thing to do. The ins and outs of locker opening techniques are especially difficult for freshmen, since they do not use lockers in junior high. "I would have been totally confused without (Shelly's help)," Sharp said.

## REACHING HIGH

Senior Amy Love reaches far to hit a volley at the net on the first day of tennis tryouts. "Volleys are my favorite part of the game," Love said, "because you can attack and hit them as hard as you want." A record number of girls tried out for the team, with 21 surviving the cut. All of the fall sports begin their practices on August 10, even though school doesn't start for another week.



## SURVIVING AN ALL-NIGHTER

Volleyball team members take a break from practice for some fun and games at a lock-in. The girls gather in the annex awaiting a night of little sleep, pizza, and scavenger hunts. Senior Kristen Hall was one of many participating in the hula hoop contest. "I had a blast and met some new people," Hall said about the lock-in. Scooter races and other games also kept them busy during the late night hours. The girls finally hit the sack at about 3 a.m. They slept until 7:30, when early morning practice began.

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FLASHBACK flashback

● On August 8, 1976 Odie first joined the "Garfield" comic strip.

"My favorite cartoon is 'Bobby's World' because Bobby has a cute voice, big feet, and a big head," junior Jessica Dunaway said.

● On August 14, 1765 two effigies\* were hung in a Boston, Massachusetts elm tree, in protest of British government practices. It became known as the Liberty Tree.

"If I were in charge of making an effigy, I would make a Spice Girl. I would put it in a bathtub with a hairdryer and fry it because they are so annoying," freshman Sarah Walsh said.

\*A stuffed figure representing someone or something you are protesting against.



## HOLDING ON

The Lady Mules home softball game against Perryville brings out a lot of excitement and emotion. A loss is always hard to take, but the girls show a lot of heart and never give up. Freshman Ashley Young bites her nails in the close game. "We have a good defense and offense this year if we play up to our potential. We don't always end up on top, and that's probably why I look so nervous." Young, who plays second base, was one of many freshmen playing on the team.

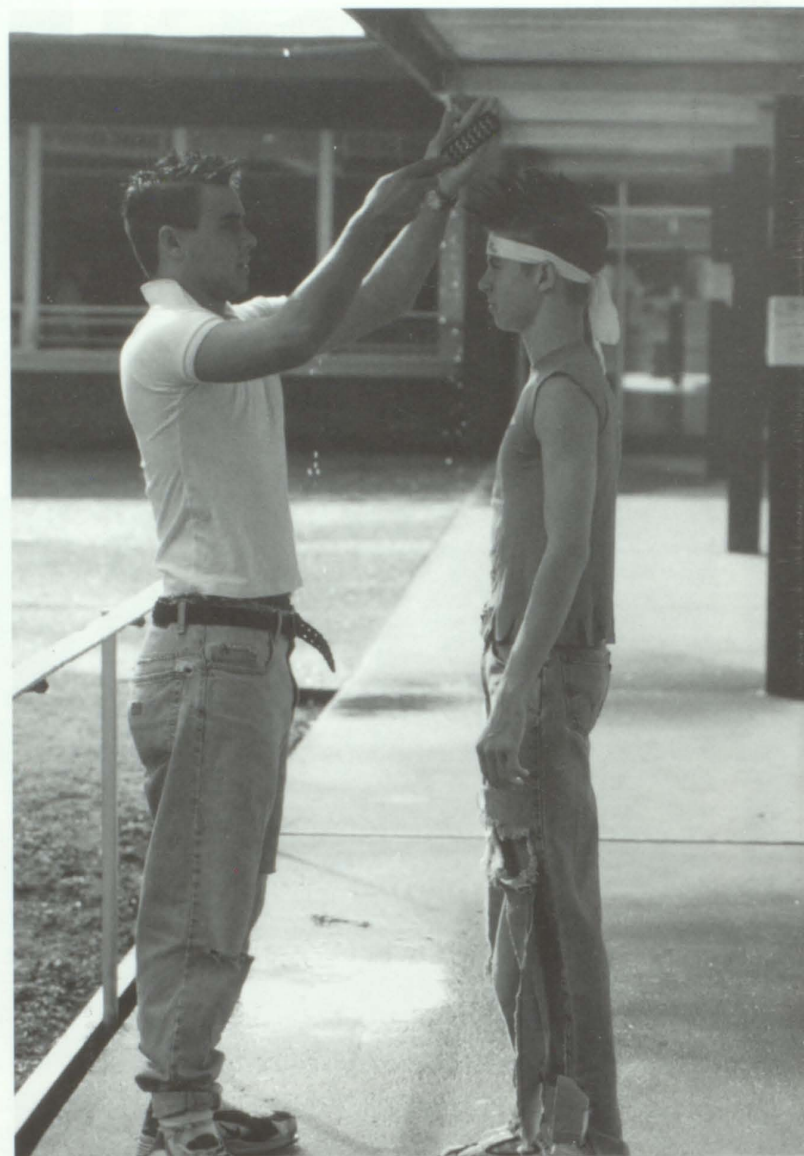


## BREAKING THEM IN

Traditionally, the seniors show their school spirit by making signs and chanting "Go Home Freshmen." The 'bow down' sign is a tradition this year. "Making freshmen bow down to us is a tradition we were continuing, and they seemed to survive it," was senior Kyle Walsh's defense when he and the others were disciplined for 'alienating' the freshman class. "We had to show our seniority over the freshmen," senior Laura Jane Busby said.

## GOING BACK IN TIME

Spirit Week consists of students dressing a different way each day of the week. Wednesday is Time Warp Day, a day in which each class has a different decade to immitate. Senior Jeff Hicks styles Jared Kennedy's hair to look like the '80s. "I let Jeff fix my hair because his lifelong ambition is to become a hair stylist. It was amazing how he used a touch of sunlight to harden the mousse in my hair, along with a mist of hairspray. Again, it was truly amazing," Kennedy said. The freshman class dresses like the '50s, the sophomores '60s, the juniors '70s, and the seniors '80s.



- September 1, 1878 the first woman telephone operator began her job.

*"My best telephone conversation was the night that my parents called and said that they would be out of town a week longer than they planned,"* sophomore Emily McWilliams said.

- September 19 is International Day of Peace

*"When I visualize world peace, I picture the whole world sitting down having dinner together,"* senior Christian Salyer said.

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## CATCHING UP

It's only September and a number of students have already racked up their allotted absences for the semester. Throughout the hallways, students can be seen making up tests or other kinds of work. Junior Wayne Schuler is making up a test for Coach Sievers' history class. "I really don't like the new (attendance) policy, but I can't change it, so I guess I'll have to live with it," Schuler said. Under the new policy, the first four unverified absences are automatically excused. Students with more than four absences must verify the subsequent absences in order for them to be excused. Students are not allowed to make up work for unexcused absences.

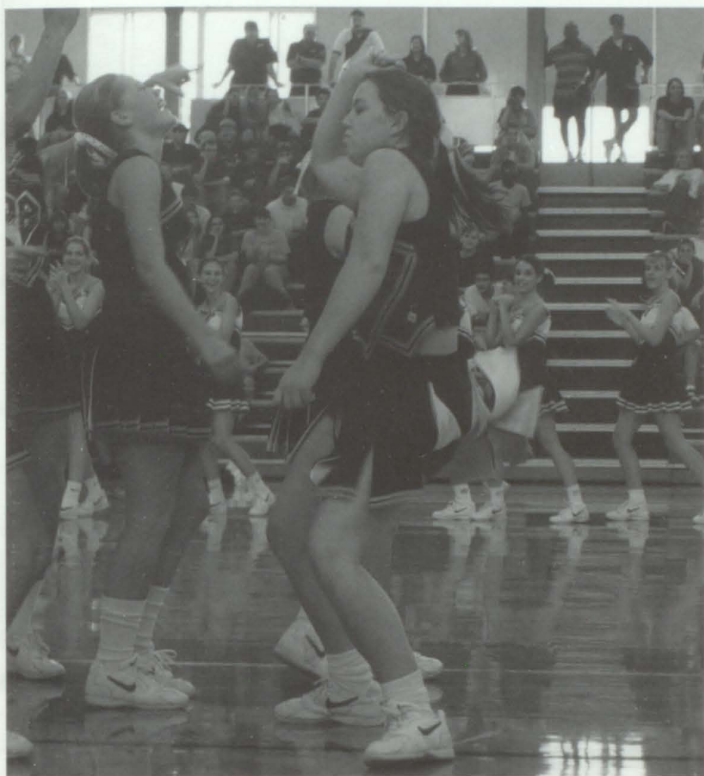


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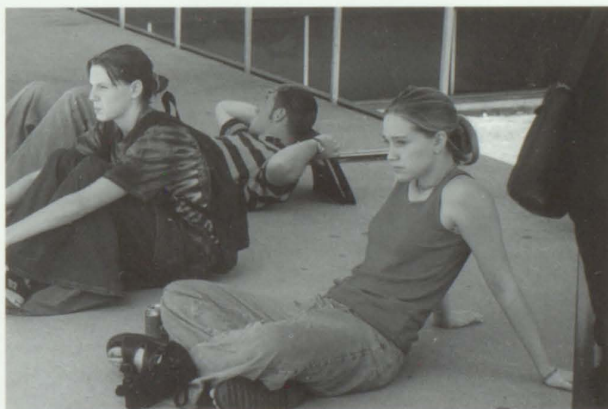
## BREAKING THE ICE

Senior Shelly Walz and junior Emma Franklin "break it down" on the gym floor during the 7th hour assembly, while several students join the cheerleaders during the dance. "I was showing off my moves doing the train at the first pep assembly," Walz said. Franklin added, "I was just laughing at Shelly because she was acting crazy like she always does." This assembly highlights all the fall sports by introducing their participants. The rally also introduces the freshmen to school spirit.



## BEATING THE HEAT

Another marching band season kicks off with the first home game against Blytheville, but the first game is hardly the beginning for these dedicated musicians. They spent hours in the beating sun of the summer memorizing music and polishing marching routines. Freshman Charles Kelly, cymbal player, said, "All the hard work paid off when we got second place at our first contest." Between football games and band festivals, band members keep busy making music and marching to the beat.



## ENJOYING THE FRESH AIR

Junior Jason Montgomery and sophomores Sarah Hays and Rachel Brooks are not able to go to their regular classrooms, so they're out on the sidewalk. Several classrooms in A building are temporarily being used to take school pictures. "I really liked having class outside, it was a nice change from a crowded classroom," Hays said.

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# October

## STUDENTS FIND THEIR GROOVE

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### LOUNGIN' AROUND

Senior Jermain Webb and freshmen B. J. Walker, Lee Ann Hopson, and Rachel Matthews enjoy front row seats at the homecoming game Oct. 2. In the new fundraiser, Student Council members sell raffle tickets for the opportunity to sit on the spirit couch. The winner gets to pick three friends to sit on the couch and they get free pizza and soda for the evening, as well as the best seats in the stadium. "It's a great thing to have, because it's the best way to raise money for Student Council and no one walks in front of you," Webb said. The fundraiser was successful enough to get Student Council out of debt.



### DRESSED TO KILL

Sophomore Rodney Michler and juniors Matt Hayes and Jason Montgomery show their school spirit during Homecoming week on Camouflage Day by dressing up in hunting clothes and army uniforms. "I dressed up in camo because the rest of the football team did, and to show school spirit," Michler said. Students wear anything remotely resembling camo: t-shirts, shoes, belts, pants, jackets, coveralls, face paint, and even helmets. "I wore my little brother's camo shirt and it was really tight so I had to cut the arms to make it fit," Montgomery said.



### BACKSTREET'S BACK

Homecoming festivities continue with a lock-in at the Catholic church on Saturday night. Juniors Sean Sutton, Chris Rickman, Aaron Wheeler and John Robison perform their own unique version of the Backstreet Boys' dance. "We had been outside in the street practicing, listening to the Backstreet Boys song playing in Aaron's truck," Rickman said. "We didn't remember the whole thing so we started making it up as we went along," Robison added. Among other activities that night, students were entertained by the local Christian band "Silence," made up of current and past students. "They [Silence] were great, and the lock-in turned out to be a blast," Robison said.

### FLASHBACK

#### ● October is National Pizza Month

*"If I could make any kind of pizza I wanted, I would make one with marshmallows, chocolate, and graham crackers. It would be called s'more pizza,"* senior Rachel Keeling said.

#### ● October 15 is National Grouch Day

*"The biggest grouch in my life is my conscience, because it's always nagging at me to behave myself,"* sophomore Trent Howell said.

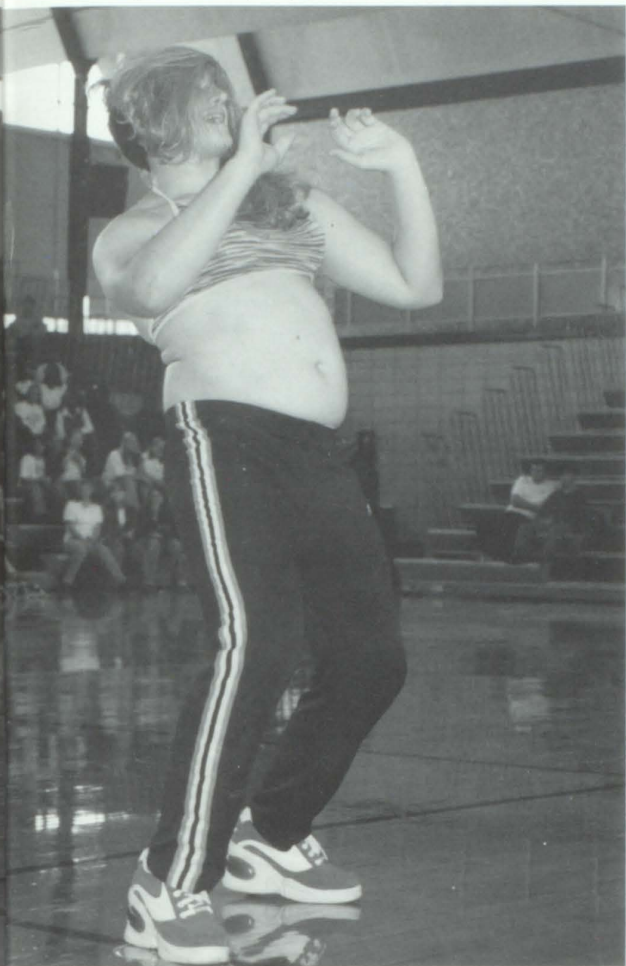
#### ● October 28 is the Statue of Liberty's Birthday

*"If I were going to build a statue and give it to another country, I would give Holland a wooden shoe to symbolize their trendy fashion taste,"* sophomore Dana Smith said.



## "SPICE"-ING IT UP

Sophomore John Payne dances in the homecoming assembly as a spice girl in the 'Wanna Be a Spice Girl' contest. For the first time, the homecoming assembly is coordinated by students. There is a variety of entertainment, including a pie-eating contest, sack race, and Spice Girl Contest, in which students dress up as Spice Girls. "The assembly was a blast, and it's probably something I would do again. I thought it was kind of ironic that I hurt myself in the game that night, when I probably should have hurt myself wearing those heels," Payne said.



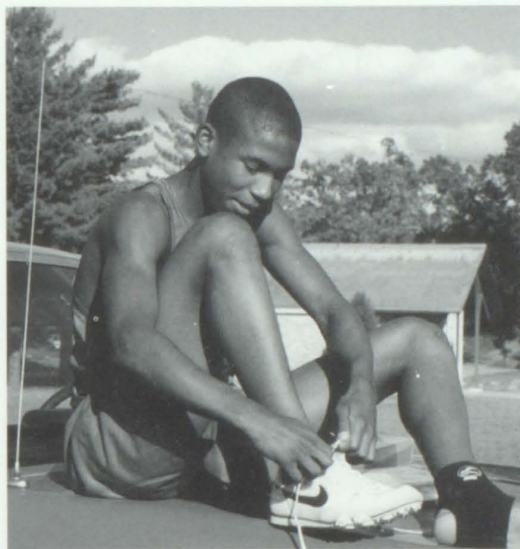
## LADIES IN BLACK

Tenisha Britton, Laura Jane Busby, Kristen Hall, Amy Love, and Ashley Nelson are the football Homecoming Court. All of the seniors are nominated by the football team and then voted on by the entire student body. "The most exciting part of being crowned queen was realizing how many people at the school supported me," Britton said. "It was a lot of fun, but I didn't enjoy being in front of all those people," Love said.



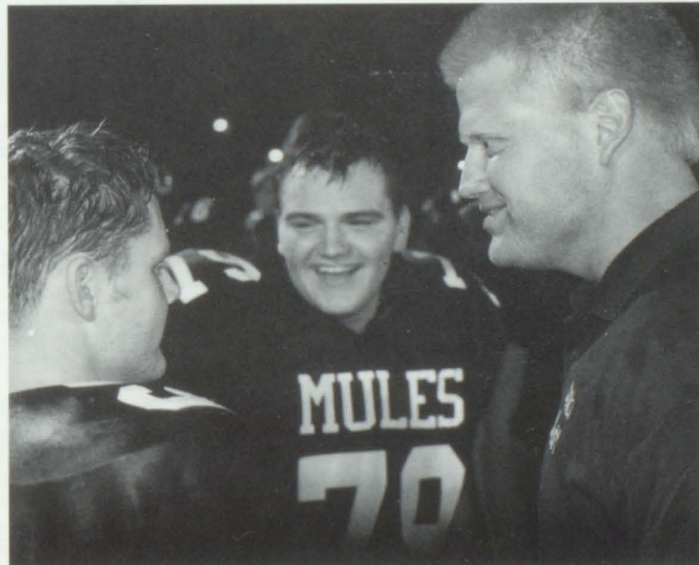
## LACE UP

Sophomore Ronnie Webb makes sure his spikes are tied tightly while sitting on top of Coach Barry Cody's truck before the first home cross country meet. "I was in a hurry. I had just gotten there and the race was about to start," Webb said. The race started in the city cemetery, looped through Hendrickson Park and ended back at the cemetery.



## HEAD AND SHOULDERS ABOVE THE REST

Juniors Jenny Gibbs, James Gieselmann, and Chris Richardson and senior Jay Clark balance on top of their friends' shoulders while trying to dance to 'Y.M.C.A.' at the homecoming dance. "It was so much fun because I was up in the air looking at everyone else's heads for a change," Gibbs said. More than 600 students danced the night away, nearly triple the usual attendance. Such a good time was had by everyone that principal Mr. Andy Crist extended the dance a half hour past midnight.



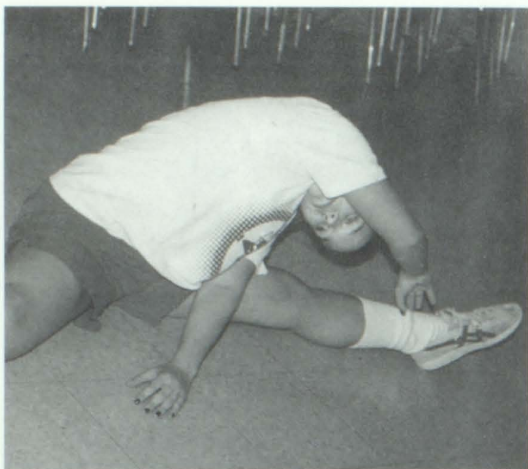
## POST-GAME SMILES

Junior Mike Kendall discuss the outcome of the homecoming game with senior Derek Vaughn and Coach David Sievers. The football team enjoys an easy victory over Salem, Arkansas to improve their record 3-2. "Homecoming is one of my favorite games of the year because we always have our biggest crowd of the season and we usually win," Kendall, the starting center, said. "It was a great experience for the seniors and an awesome victory." "The younger kids got a lot of experience that we hope will help them in the future," Sievers added.



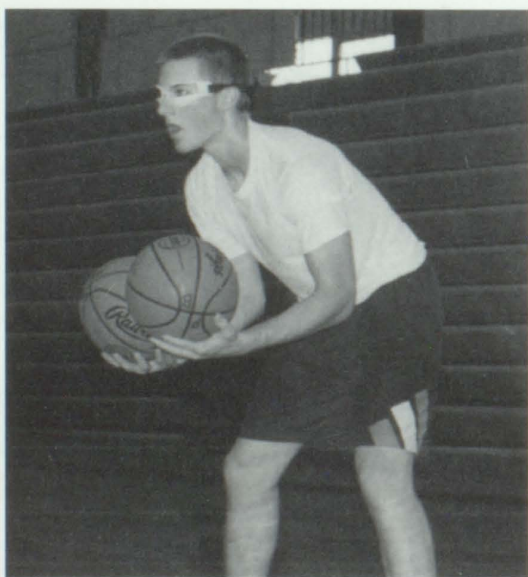
## GETTING PREPARED

Junior Crystal Browning prepares herself for dance practice. "I was stretching because I didn't want to tear a muscle," Browning said. Dance squad is a new activity sponsored by Mrs. Nancy Petersen. The dancers are preparing for their "Virtual Insanity" performance during halftime at the basketball game.



## SIGNATURE OF HONOR

At the annual National Honor Society induction, senior Jessica Kline signs the book of members before receiving her pin and National Honor Society card. Eighteen seniors signed in at Ponderosa Steakhouse. The book of members contains signatures of NHS members and has been passed down from class to class since the 1920's.



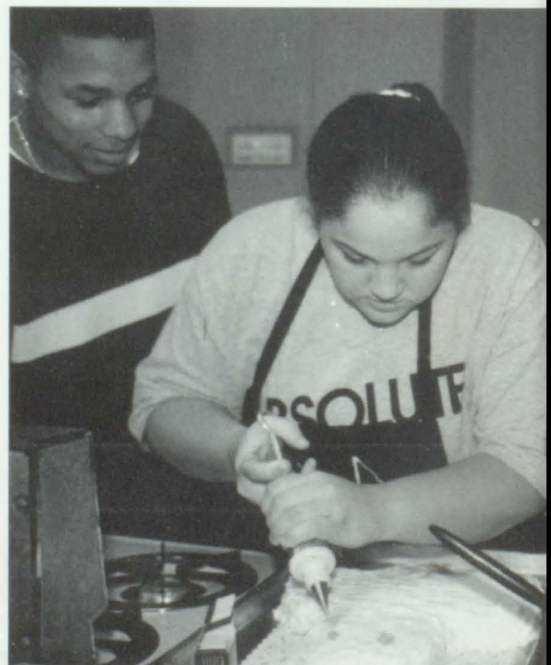
## GETTING IN TUNE

Singing "Coram Deo," sopranos freshman Rachel Dugan and sophomore Lindsay Walker work on improving their skills during a mixed choir practice. Mixed choir is a coed fine art with no qualifications and occasional performances. "I love singing, and I have been doing it since I was really young. I hope to still be singing after college," Dugan said.



## READY

Senior Travis Kingery participates in grueling drills that emphasize the fundamentals of basketball. With November comes the fall sports, and many people who had been sitting around since school started have to get back to work. "Basketball practice is hard, but when you play in that first game, and score that first basket, you realize what you've worked for," Kingery said. A season of over twenty games, road trips of four hours or more, and practices that last until 6:30 p.m. demonstrate the dedication it takes to play basketball.



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STRIVING FOR PERFECTION

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## BUNDLE OF SPIRIT

Loyal Poplar Bluff fans tough it out during another freezing Mules soccer game. "It was great cheering on our team all wrapped in blankets and scrunched up with my friends," senior Leslie Talkington said. The Mules upset Cape in a semi-final match and were able to make a district championship appearance. "Soccer games were fun to go to, and the colder it was, the more exciting the game," junior Amanda Fears said. A cold, but promising November finish ensures an exciting district fight for the next few years.



## SEEING THE SIGHTS

Junior Jessica Lee, senior Eric O'Briant, and sponsor Mrs. Libby Brown, enjoy a break after touring the White House during their trip to Washington D.C. for the annual Journalism Education Association convention. The convention consisted of three workshops and three dances. Five thousand students from all around the country attended. Attendees learned new, creative ideas for both the newspaper and yearbook. The trip was November 17-22; the group stayed two extra days to see the museums and monuments of our nation's capital.

## SWEETS

Senior Stephanie Fletcher and junior Christina Reed decorate a carrot cake. "We get to make a lot of things in Family Foods: cakes, apple pies, donuts, and rolls. Of course, we always get to eat them when we're done," Fletcher said. Family Foods is a favorite class among students simply because they are allowed to eat. "I really like the class because we get to learn how to make good homemade cookin', and it's always pretty tasty," Reed added.

● On November 15 Japan celebrates its seven, five, and three-year-olds. Many years ago, in old Japan, children didn't live long. This was a special day for parents and their children.

*"When I was five, I fell off of a four-wheeler and my cousin, Christy Rush, ran over me," sophomore Ginger Morgan said.*

● On November 18, 1928 Micky Mouse made his first appearance in Steamboat Willie, the first talking animated cartoon picture.

*"He-Man is my favorite cartoon character because he is the master of the universe," junior Mike Camp said.*

## FLASHBACK

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# ASSORTMENT OF ACTIVITIES

# December

## PLAN IT, THEY WILL COME

Freshman Travanti Dirkach enjoys herself at the 98-99 Winter Sports Assembly. "Going to assemblies beats going to class. I get out of doing homework, and I don't have to walk all the way across the school to get to my bus," Dirkach said. Most students like a break from class and an assembly every month or so always caps off a good day. For the athletes, it's a time to get recognized for all the effort put into a sport.



## A SURPRISE VISITOR

Junior Chris Richardson makes his way to class with a goat nipping at his heels. "We got Mr. Tim Slayton the goat for a Christmas present because he's always been a fun, easy-going teacher and we wanted to get him something that would make him remember us," Richardson said. Unfortunately, school rules would not permit the goat, Lil' Slick, to be a permanent classroom pet; luckily Slayton has a farm for the animal to run loose on.



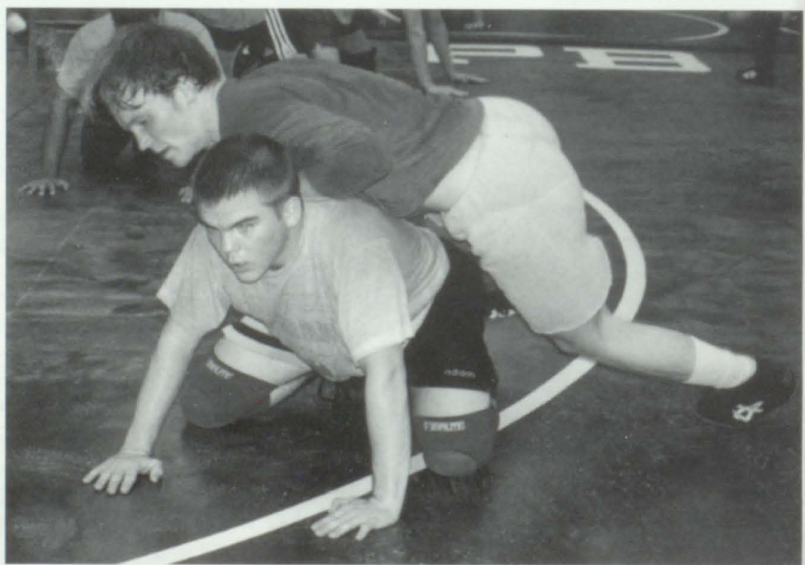
## GLOW-BLOWING GROOVES

Making the best of an all-night bowling/dance party, seniors Andrea Lovelace and Amanda Hillis get in the groove as the music blares. "Dancing is so great. My friends and I can always have fun if we're dancing," Hillis said. A couple of times on the weekends we haven't had a place to dance, so we've just danced in parking lots." On Friday and Saturday nights, when the lights are turned off and the music is turned up at Bluff Lanes, many students can be found enjoying the new, improved bowling alley.



## BUILDING UP STAMINA

Coach Siever's wrestlers run through the spin drill, a training exercise that helps them regain control when an opponent shoots on them. "We practice harder so we won't get tired when it counts (at matches)," senior Jeff Kanell said. Wrestling, a sport divided into weight classes, has some of the most competitive and grueling matches in the world of athletics. "I think wrestling is the hardest sport. It's more physically demanding than other sports, and the pressure is constant," junior Josh Peterson said.





## DOING ODD JOBS

Key Club member junior Amanda Fears blows up a balloon for a birthday bash. Mrs. Libby Brown, sponsor of Key Club, used the meeting as an opportunity to make decorations. "I was hoping the balloon wouldn't pop in my face or fly around the room," Fears said. The members blew up balloons and colored signs for Mrs. Rose Marie Batson's 40th birthday. They were hung up all around Mrs. Batson's room to give her a birthday surprise.



## A SEASON FOR GIVING

Sophomore Erin English wraps a pair of jeans to be delivered to a nine-year-old girl in time to be opened on Christmas. "I'm not the best when it comes to wrapping gifts, but it's the thought that counts," English said. Every year, Student Council provides a needy family with a Christmas meal, gifts, and other luxuries they may not enjoy without STUCO's help. This year's family included a mother and three children. The gifts for them were bought, wrapped, and delivered by Student Council members.

## SNOW

With the holiday season comes one of the busiest travel times of the year. Junior James Gieselmann tries out his snow legs on a slope in the Rockies. "I tried snowboarding in Colorado on our family vacation before Christmas. It was great, but really hard. I kept falling on my butt," Gieselmann said.



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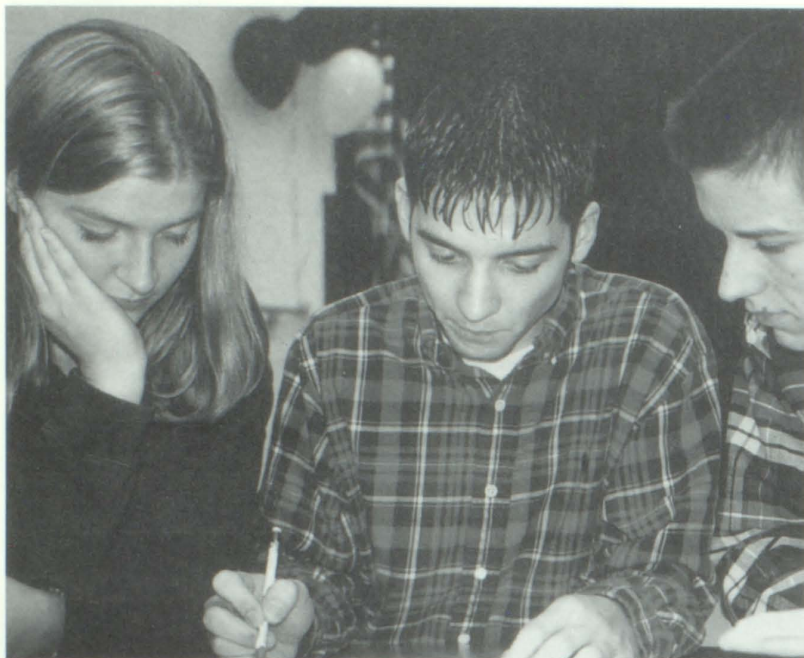
- On December 18, 1935 Monopoly was invented.

*"When I was younger, I liked to play Checkers, but when I played with my uncle he would always cheat and make me cry,"* sophomore Bernadette Willey said.

- On December 31, New Year's Eve has been celebrated since 46 B.C. In 567 A.D., the Christian Church outlawed the celebration, but it was revived in the 1200's.

*"It's like that one guy said, 'Why can't we all just get along?' I'm gonna change one thing in '99 and it's that we're all gonna get along,"* freshman Ashley Thomas said.



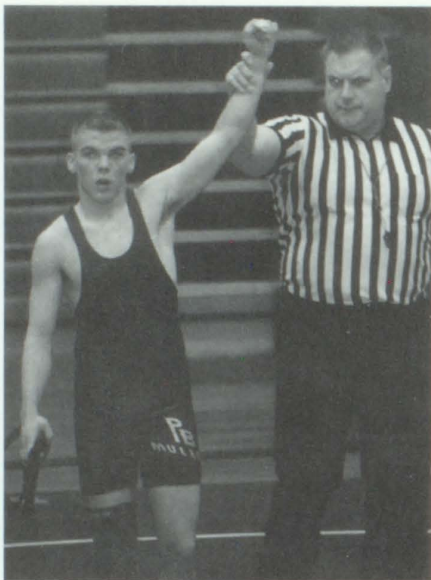


### TRIVIAL PURSUIT

Seniors Jake Griffith, Leslie Talkington, and Andy Stuart ponder over a trivia question at the Academic Assistance Group's Trivia Night. Talkington, Griffith, and Stuart were on the National Honor Society's team. "We got last place, but we tried really hard. Jennifer Johnson from KFSV12 was the host," Griffith said. In the trivia bowl, student teams were pitted against teacher teams. With questions ranging from sports to history, the competition was almost like a Trivial Pursuit game. Win or lose, it was a fun night for all who participated.

### REACHING HIGH

Senior Jeff Kanell earns yet another victory in an exhausting wrestling match. "The best feeling you get is after you wrestle hard for six minutes and you come out the winner," Kanell said. Training for weeks to get in shape, learning various moves, and struggling to make weight all so your arm can be held up by a man you don't even know. This is a wrestler's world.

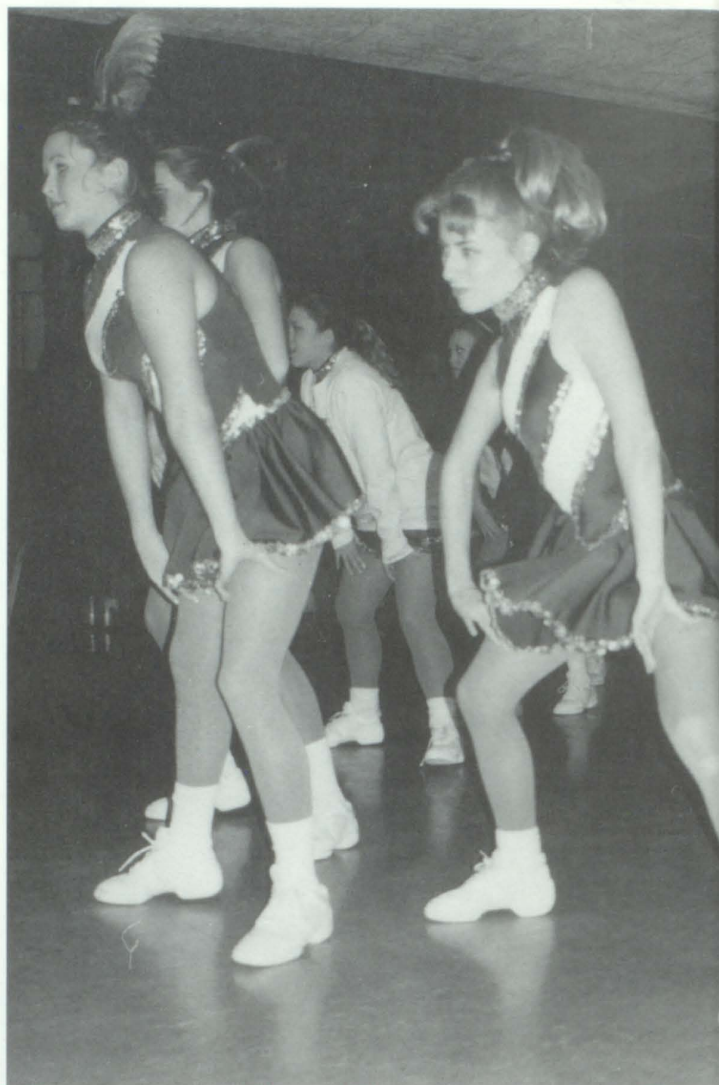


### BLACKOUT BLUES

Junior Erika Emmons gets a little attention from the fans during a blackout at a home game against Sikeston. "The lights went out, so my little cousin, Collin, tried to keep me entertained," Emmons said. There's nothing harder than holding back the emotions and energy during a rare interruption such as this one; it can be a major turning point in a game. The Lady Mules stayed on track, though, and shot their way to an easy victory.

### PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Senior Carissa Selvidge and junior Stasha Persons practice their Aaliyah dance before performing. After three weeks of intense practice, the Mules dance squad, the P. B. Kickers, were ready to perform their dance to Aaliyah's "Are You That Somebody." "I enjoyed choreographing the dance because the squad seemed to really get into the dance and learned the moves pretty quickly," senior choreographer Selvidge said.



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● January is National Hobby Month. It was created to urge people to enjoy the fun and creativity of hobbies.

*"My favorite hobby is creating mock gang fights with my stuffed animals. Usually I use my Pound Puppies,"* sophomore Chuck Williams said.

● January 16 is National Nothing Day. The reason for it is "to provide Americans with one national day when they can just sit without celebrating, observing, or honoring anything."

*"When I'm at home and have a chance to do nothing, I usually write in a book that I'm writing about the wierd things that happen in my life as an interesting satire to what our life is like,"* sophomore John Payne said.

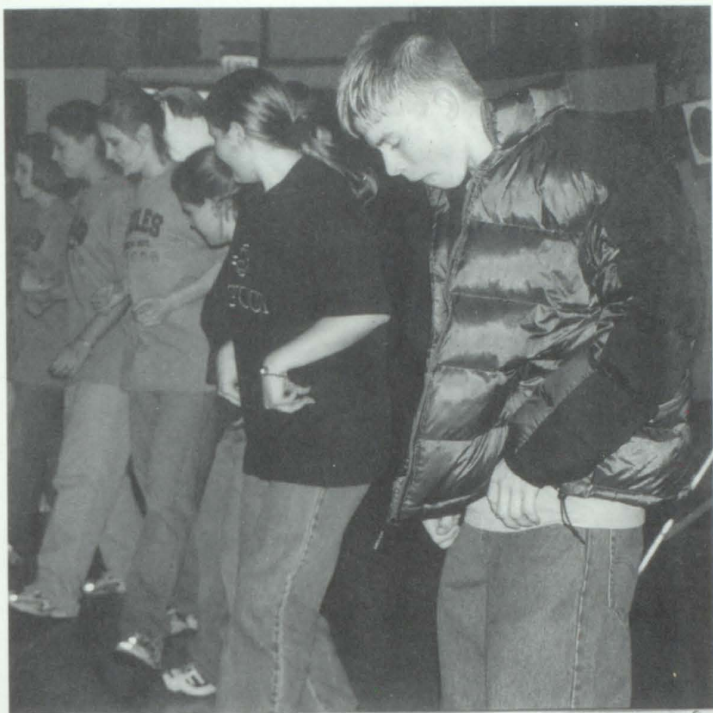


# January

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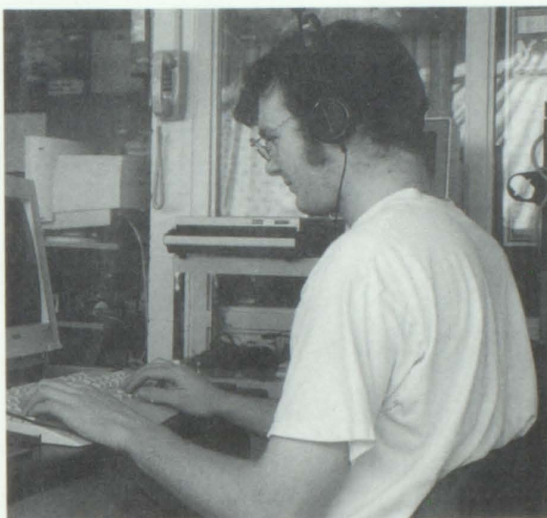
## TUSH PUSHIN'

At Key Club's first-ever MORP dance, senior Jared Kennedy tries to keep up as seniors Leslie Talkington, Jocelyn Warner, Gennie Gieselmann, Katie Farris, Becca Warner, and Kellie Opalewski do the Tush Push to Garth Brooks' "Ain't Goin' Down (Till the Sun Comes Up)." "Going to the dances is fun because we get to do our special line dances which I don't usually know, so I just make up the moves," Opalewski said. MORP is backwards of Prom, so instead of dressing up, students dress down. The dance turned out to be a big success. "Even though we had several glitches, we all had a lot of fun," Gieselmann said.



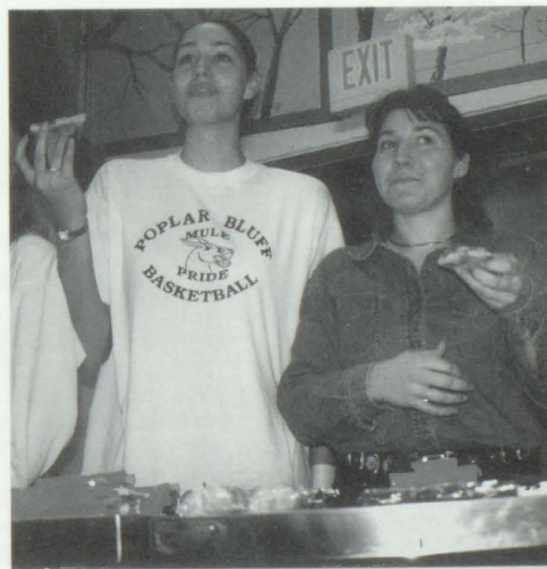
## EATING IN

"Since my sophomore year I have liked to go to Mr. Reeves room for lunch and entertainment," senior Corey Emerson said. Emerson plays his favorite computer game, "Quake." "Quake" is like a virtual capture the flag game: players must navigate their way through a maze-like fortress to the enemy side, being careful not to get blasted along the way. The popular way to play is to network all of the computers and let students play together in teams.



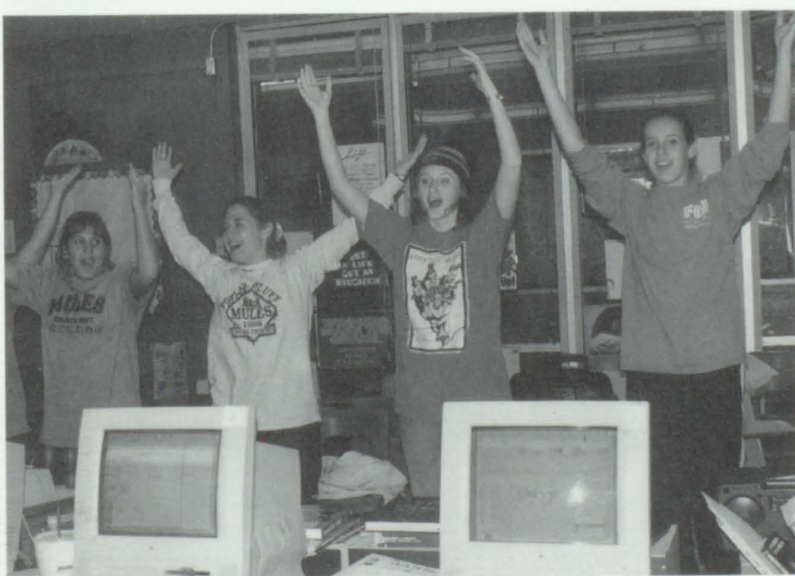
## A LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Junior Nanette Lewis and sophomore Mary Keeling take time out for refreshments at the Poplar Bluff Invitational Speech Tournament. "Since we were hosting the tournament, we didn't have to perform," Keeling said. "So, instead we got to work at the concession stand and give out awards. We were really happy because it meant we got free food," she added.



## DANCE BREAK

Seniors Andrea Lovelace, Becca Warner, Rachel Cooper and Gennie Gieselmann take time out from a long journalism work day to take a dance break to "YMCA." "We were out of school anyway because it was a snow day, but we had been up at the yearbook room all day trying to meet a deadline, and we were really tired of staring at the computers," Lovelace said. "So we were having fun and exercising at the same time!"



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# February

## SHOWING OUR LOVE



### CLASS WARS

Freshman Lindsay Brown sits with her friends at lunch during tie-dye day of spirit week before basketball homecoming. Many students ordered class shirts this year, which were tie-dyed shirts with the names of the students in each class on the back. "I think the class shirts are really neat and they show school spirit," Brown said. "I was really impressed that so many people wore them." The students received two points for their class on tie-dye day for wearing their class shirts, and one point for wearing any other tie-dye shirt.

### GIFTS FROM THE HEART

Senior Tenisha Britton and freshman Mimi Kingery browse through the multitude of Valentine gifts. "Tenisha and I were admiring all the flowers. She got some balloons from her mother, and I got daisies from mine," Kingery said. Every year the school is sent so many flowers they have to use the MCE classroom to hold them all. If someone delivers a gift to the school for one of the students, an office worker delivers a note to the student letting them know to pick up their delivery at the end of the day. Roses, balloons, and vases galore show the love and caringness of Valentine's Day.



### COURT

The Basketball Homecoming Court included: seniors Amy Hendricks, Emily Wyatt, Queen Becca Warner, Katie Crayton, and Kellie Opalewski. "I had so much fun that night, I was absolutely floating," Warner said. "I'm so glad I got to be the Basketball Homecoming Queen, because the whole week was a blast, even though it was kind of hectic, because everyone had so much school spirit. I was excited all week, especially about the way the classes got involved in decorating the gym for the assembly, and I hope that we've started a tradition that will continue for a long time. I also had a great time at the dance and eating at Steak and Shake afterward with my friends. Getting crowned was the best way to end such a fantastic week."



### FLASHBACK

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- On February 3 Japan holds Sestubun, celebrating the beginning of Spring and the end of Winter. Celebrities throw beans to a waiting crowd, the ones that are caught are believed to be lucky.

*"If my family hosted a foreign exchange student, I think they would tell us that our country was strange because of the way we celebrate Christmas, because most foreigners aren't Christian," senior Shanell McClure said.*

- On February 13, 1988 LEGO sponsored an International Building contest. Many adults came from all over the world to build things.

*"When I'm an adult, I will still play with my saxophone," senior Andrea Lockbeam said.*



## PUMPING UP THE SPIRIT

Tina Smith tries to steady Joanne Huck so they can reach the rope to hang up their sign. "After the girls basketball game on Thursday night we set out to decorate our section. I think the sign we put up was the best part of the decorations. I had a lot of fun even though our class came in third place," Smith said. The seniors gave the freshmen a break by switching the ritual "Go Home Freshmen" chant to "Go Home Sophomores" since their bright decorations outdid the sophomores' toilet paper streamers.



## VALENTINE ROYALTY

Chris Legrand and Stacy Scott, a longtime couple, are King and Queen of the '99 Sophomore Valentine Dance. However, Legrand and Scott are no strangers to the spotlight: this is their second year in a row that they have been voted the royalty of their class. "I'm just happy to be the king with the most beautiful girl in the sophomore class," Legrand said.



## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Senior Delania Worley works on signs displaying the names of her friends on the homecoming court to wave during the assembly. "I had a lot of fun decorating the senior section, I was really happy that we won," Worley said. Student Council had each class decorate their own section for the homecoming game and assembly. The seniors won, making them the winners of the entire year's class competition.

## TUNE-UP

Sophomore Chris Luecke plays bass guitar for a packed student center at the Sophomore Valentine Dance. "Our band's name is GAIN, and we thought that since there had never been a live band at a dance before, that it would be a good idea," Luecke said. "It turned out great and we all had a lot of fun." The agenda for the evening started off with a DJ for a few hours, then the coronation of the King and Queen, during which the doors were opened and friends and family of those present could come see them all dressed up and find out who won the title of King and Queen. Once the coronation was over, the crowd was once again only sophomores and their dates, Luecke and the rest of GAIN performed. GAIN has performed at other school events, including the Back-to-School bash.



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"Sports do not build character, they reveal it." —anonymous

# a crash course in

## COMPETITION

**i**s that all you've got?" you hear the coach scream as you finish your ninth sprint in agony. Maybe that's not all you've got, but it's definitely all you're willing to give. Besides, you've never seen *him* run one sprint, not to mention ten. But you know things will get better - like when preseason is over and you finish first in the invitational tournament, or when you play the game of your life and Coach brags on you for the next week. You even find yourself looking forward to practice. By the end of the season you've discovered how much drive you actually have inside of you and how much you love the thrill of the game. One last sprint probably won't kill you.

With the sun shining brightly in her face, softball-playing Jessica Sells leans back on the bench for a well-deserved break. As a junior, Sells is accustomed to dealing with the pressure that playing a sport can put on team members. "You never really get used to the coach's yelling, or to your teammates irritation over little mistakes," she said. "But winning makes all the hassle and all the work worthwhile."



# Making MEMORIES

**On the field:**  
"One day we were in defensive individuals and Coach Kearby was throwing us the ball. There was a big fence about 50 yards away, and Coach threw a bomb to Stan Revelle and Rodney Michler. They proceeded to sprint the whole 50 yards. They didn't see the fence and both guys jumped really high and busted their faces on the fence. They almost knocked it down. Thank goodness they were all right."

-Mike Kendle, 11

**On the field:**  
"Every day before we really start to practice we have to do plyos and stretches. One day Luke Moore got so carried away telling a story that he forgot to stretch. Coach Pyland caught him and made him bear crawl all the way to the goal post and back."

-Stan Revelle, 10

**On the field:**  
"The most memorable game was when Garland Martin hurt his neck during homecoming. They stopped the game and took him off the field on a stretcher, then to the hospital. It was in the first half and the whole team was worried. We ended up winning anyway, 33-7. His presence was missed."

-Grant Gambling, 10

**Off the field:**  
"At a pep assembly, the freshmen put up this sign that said 'Bow Down to Our Authority, Seniors' and the senior football players wanted to get them back. After the assembly we trashed all their lockers for revenge. It was so funny."

-Ben Barbour, 12

**On the field:**  
"I'll never forget the time I made a diving tackle in the soap scrimmage and broke my hand."

-Mike Burcham, 12

Sophomore Erick Schuermann takes advantage of a block by sophomore Travis Tinsley and tries to bounce the play outside during the Blytheville game September 25. "Blytheville was a tough team. They just got the best of us. We are a pretty young team though, so we should continue to improve. I'm sure we will have a better chance of beating Blytheville next year," Schuermann said.



## How well do THESE superstitions work?

"I always wear a St. Sebastian's Medal around my neck when I play."

-Travis Tinsley, 10

### Pregame

"I dye my jock strap a different color for every game."

-Garland Martin, 12

### Rituals

"On game day, I always tape a 1934 penny to my locker."

-Lonnie Lewis, 11

"When I play football I wear socks with holes in them."

-Rajeran George, 11

**Dexter**  
12-0

**Blytheville**  
7-42

**Osceola**  
13-42

**Sikeston**  
28-14

**Salem**  
33-7



Senior A.J. McDonald prepares for the battle against the Salem Greyhounds for the homecoming win. "Playing for Poplar Bluff is exciting. You never know what is going to happen. I have played football since junior high. I may have made some mistakes, but I always did my best," McDonald said.

Junior Lonnie Lewis blows by an Osceola Seminole defender, on Sept. 18, and watches for his next adversary. The game ended with a 13-42 loss. "I give all the credit to my offensive linemen when they block the holes that open up, and I just run the ball hard," Lewis said.





Seniors Matt Dodd and Justin Eastin sit on the sidelines and wait to return to the field. "The most boring game this year was against Salem. After we got ahead, they let all the sophomores go in. The only time I went in after first quarter was when someone forgot to go in on the punt. I wasn't prepared to go in because I didn't even have my pads strapped." Eastin said.

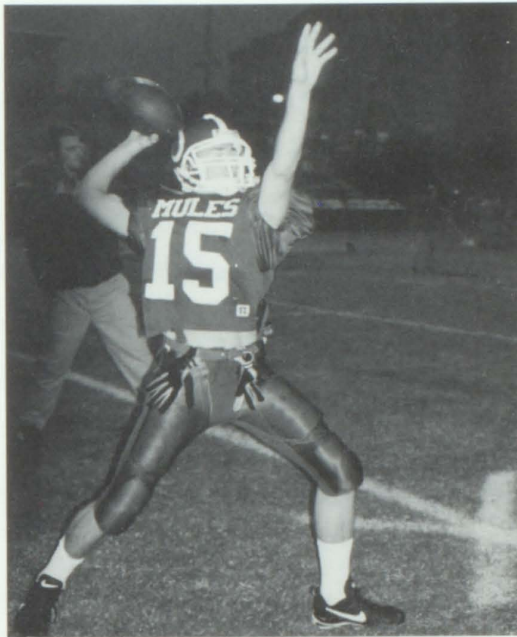
## Going into the Third Overtime and Still...

# Surviving

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It took a "Hail, Mary" pass from quarterback Stan Revelle to receiver Rajeran George in the first overtime and two more overtimes before the Mules would win the district championship against Cape. Coach Mark Barousse, in only his second year as head coach, was named conference Coach of the Year. District was as far as the team progressed, losing to Kirkwood in sectionals.

Junior Ryan Dicken warms up for the game. "Playing quarterback this year was a great experience. Being a quarterback puts a lot more pressure on you," Dicken said.



Columbia-Hickman  
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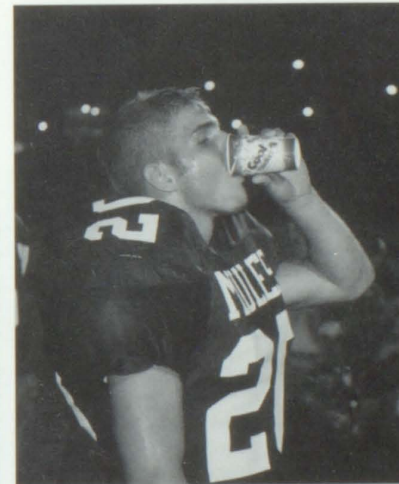
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'98 Football Team (front row) Luke Moore, Garland Martin, Rajeran George, Mark Yarbro, P.J. Brown, Ryan Dicken, Stan Revelle, Jon Batson, Rodney Michler, Marcus Johnson, Ryan Whelan; (second row) Erick Schuermann, Corey Hamilton, Lonnie Lewis, Johnny Johnson, Christian Salyer, Matt Dodd, Jason Matlock, Justin Eastin, Sammy Malloy, Mike Burcham, Jake McFadden, Travis Tinsley; (third row) Aaron Johnson, A.J. McDonald, Jason Montgomery, Travis Huffman, James Grimes, Jeff Mannon, Mike Camp, Donald Barks, Drew Kingery, Stewart Nunn, Shawn Carroll, Chuck Williams, Mark Cato; (fourth row) Daniel Larkin, Mike Lamkin, Derek Vaughn, Josh Wells, John Payne, Darrell Weible, Brad Allbritton, Ben Barbour, Mike Birlew, Todd Daves, Josh Clark, Jacob Matkin, Kyle Guttermann, Mike Kendle, Justin Traugher; (back row) Shaun Prenger, Chris Legrand, Andy Thompson, Andrew Barker, Jeremy Plant, Grant Gambling, Adam Winberry, David Landreth, Billy Moore, Chad Guttermann, and Steve Buenaga.



Sophomore Rodney Michler grabs a quick drink to refresh himself before his next play. "I didn't know what to expect when I moved to Poplar Bluff this year. It was a big change for me, but I really like it and the football program is a lot better than where I was before, including the coaches," Michler said.



# Making MEMORIES

## Off the field:

The other day after practice we were in the locker room changing. All of a sudden, this big, hairy spider crawled out of this guy's helmet. It looked like a tarantula."

-Mark Cato, 11

## On the field:

My favorite play is when we run the fumbaroosky. The quarterback drops the football on the ground and usually John Payne picks up the ball and runs for a touchdown. It really works!"

-Jake McFadden, 10

## Off the field:

We were chilling on our break, getting ready to sledge, and a bee came out of nowhere and stung me. I thought someone had stabbed me! Then I saw it was just a bee, and got rid of it."

-Todd Harley, 09

## On the field:

"One time at a game I ran a twenty-seven yard quarterback sneak and went out of bounds. When I went out of bounds, the guy hit me so hard that he knocked me out."

-Mike Johnson, 09

## Off the field:

We try to keep ourselves entertained on our bus trips. But most of the time we keep busy by making fun of J.J. and Snap. They crack me up!"

-Travis Tinsley, 10

## On the field:

"I was starting defense in the second game of the year against Jackson. It was only the third play of the game when I got knocked on the ground, and my knee went out."

Lance Cravens, 9

## Off the field:

"One time on the bus ride home this guy started feeling really sick and he puked all over the bus and it smelled so bad. All the way home I thought I was going to be sick."

-Mark Miller, 10

## On the field:

"In the locker room after practice, we practice the plays we have just learned with a miniature, plastic football."

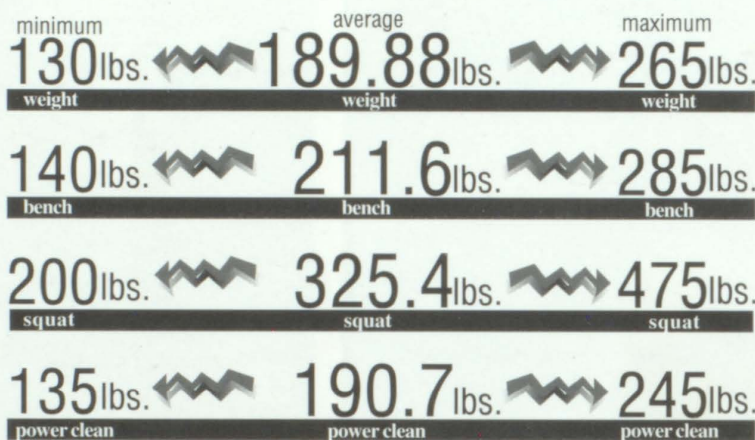
-Maurice Moss, 9

Coach Case leads the freshman football team in prayer before their home game against Caruthersville. "We always pray before every game, and before our game with Caruthersville, we prayed that we would play our best as a team."

I guess it helped because we beat them 20-12," freshman Justin Wartenbe said.



## big and buff these are guys?



-50 junior varsity and freshman football players surveyed.

Dexter  
21-0

Jackson  
6-21

Caruthersville  
20-12

Cape Central  
41-6

Sikeston  
14-6



Freshman Steve Smith cheers for his teammates from the sidelines. "Our first game of the season we played Dexter. We were beating them pretty bad, so all of us that were on the sidelines cheered extra hard for another touchdown," Smith said.



Sophomore Travis Tinsley, gains seven yards on a carry during a Mules away game. "We played really good as a team, and were really proud of ourselves," Tinsley said. The JV Mules won, adding another win to their record.

Coach Kirby helps freshman Edward McComb fix the pads underneath his football uniform after receiving a hard hit. "I couldn't decide on which jersey to wear this year. Since I didn't have a consistent number, it always seemed like I had trouble with my uniform. I think it was bad luck," McComb said.



One time I was standing on the sideline and Coach came up to me and told me to tape Steve's pants. I thought, 'why would he want me to do that and what for?' I felt really weird because I have never taped anyone's pants before. Then, Steve finally told me I had to tape his pants because they were too big around the knees and kept falling down," freshman Steven Deaton said. That night the freshman football team beat Cape Central 41-6, and Smith's pants stayed up.

## Held by Two Defenders on Fourth Down, and Still...

# Surviving

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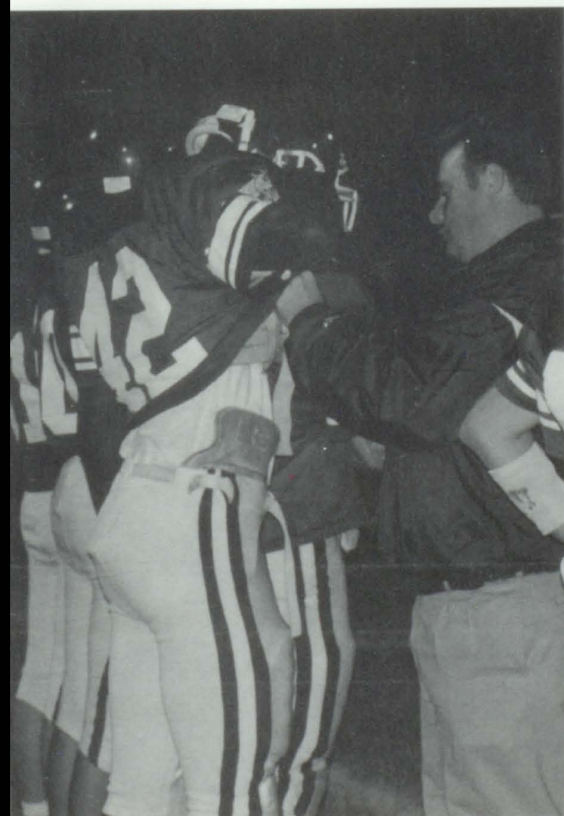
Sophomore Eric Schuermann, #23, gains five yards on a carry before being taken down by a Dexter Bearcat football player in the fourth game of the season.

The game took place on Monday, September 28, in Poplar Bluff, at Fred M. Morrow Stadium.

"That game was so much fun: we beat them 35-6. Playing Dexter has been a tradition for us. It brings out the big rivalry between Dexter and Poplar Bluff," Schuermann said.



Sikeston 14-27	Blytheville 6-14(JV)	Jackson 12-6(JV)	Dexter 35-6(JV)	Sikeston 13-12(JV)	Cape Central 21-8(JV)	Green County 13-20(JV)
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'98  
Freshmen Football  
Team

(front row) Rhett Nunn, Robby Nations, Austin Armes, Mike Crunk, Jordan Bock, Mike Johnson, Maurice Moss, Steven Deaton; (second row) Bob Larkins, Darren Hillis, J.C. Clifford, Chris Clark, Jon Kingery, Peter Gross, Aaron Prejean, Robert Christian; (third row) Randy Alexander, Mike Zuniga, Jeremy Kime, Nick Somers, Mike Baker, Tony Gibson, Justin Wartenbe, Josh Longhiller; (fourth row) Greg Barker, Josh Stewart, Bryce Colvin, Dusty Johnson, Steve Smith, Caleb Batson, Seth Gragg, Jeff Running; (back row) Coach Bob Case, Coach Shane Kirby.

Billy Johnson  
Award-

Mike Baker  
Best Receiver-

Rhett Nunn  
Best Running  
Back-

Bob Larkins  
Best  
Defensive  
Back-

Rhett Nunn  
Best  
Linebacker-

Seth Gragg  
Best  
Defensive  
Lineman-

Mike Baker

Best Offensive  
Lineman

Jon Kingery



# Making MEMORIES

**On the course:**  
"Our most challenging meet is coming up this Saturday. It is Viburnum and it is the longest course of the season. It is also hard because there are a lot of ruts and no shade."

-Jared Prejean, 11

**Off the course:**  
"When we went to the Cape Invitational the whole Cape team tried to dye their hair orange and it was hot so when they started to run they had orange dye all over their faces and clothes."

-Wade Downing, 10

**On the course:**  
"Terry Britton and I were jogging the course. We were about two miles away and we heard a gunshot. We thought it was the ten minute warning. We started to hurry up and get to the race but we saw all of the runners go by us so we just had to quit."

-Jeremy Webb, 12

**Off the course:**  
"The funniest thing that has happened this year was when Terry Britton, Heather Hoja, Ronnie Webb, and I got into a water fight. Terry was the one who really started it and then Ronnie and I joined in. Terry and Ronnie held me down and poured water all over me."

-Melanie Smith, 10

**On the course:**  
"Our first meet with Jackson was my most memorable one because the girls varsity won first place over all. It was not a very long meet, though."

-Shawnia Artis, 10

**Off the course:**  
"It was really embarrassing when I missed the Viburnum meet because I didn't wake up. When I woke up at 8:15 my alarm clock was still going off. It had been going off since 6:45!"

-Sara Lawson, 11

**B**efore running in the Poplar Bluff Invitational, junior Elaine Wujcik stretches her hamstring muscle. "Stretching before running is very important because if you do not you could get hurt. Everyone always makes fun of me because I stretch so much," Wujcik said.



## how far do these guys run?

Average distance of each Cross Country meet:  
3.1 miles or 5000 meters

Number of miles ran during the week of October 5-10

Monday		1 mile
Tuesday		1.5 miles
Wednesday		3.1 miles
Thursday		3.5 miles
Friday	ZZZZZZZZZZ	0 miles
Saturday		3.1 miles

### Boys Varsity

Webster Grove  
0

Jackson  
5

Kelly Benton  
3

Cape Central  
0

Viburnum  
4

Potosi  
9



**A**s seniors Eric Duncan and Jared Kennedy gasp for air, they talk about the race they just finished. "I always feel tired after a meet, but at the same time I feel good. Usually running in a meet takes more energy than I have," Kennedy said.

**C**oncentrating hard while pushed by endurance, sophomore Mike Mittermeyer focuses on finishing the Poplar Bluff Invitational. "During a meet I concentrate on keeping a good pace and passing the person in front of me," Mittermeyer said.

Outstanding  
Runner  
**Melanie  
Smith**

Outstanding  
Runner  
**Terry  
Britton**

Outstanding  
Runner  
**Elaine  
Wujcik**

Outstanding  
Runner  
**Tony  
Sandas**



After the long, hard run of the Poplar Bluff Invitational, junior Aaron Wheeler re-energizes himself with a drink of Gatorade. "When I run my throat gets extremely dry. In the last mile or so, all I can think about is getting something to drink. So as soon as I cross the finish line, I grab my Gatorade and start guzzling," Wheeler said. The Invitational was held on October 7 at Hendrickson Park, with runners from Poplar Bluff and Advance. The top 12 runners (six from each team) were awarded medals.

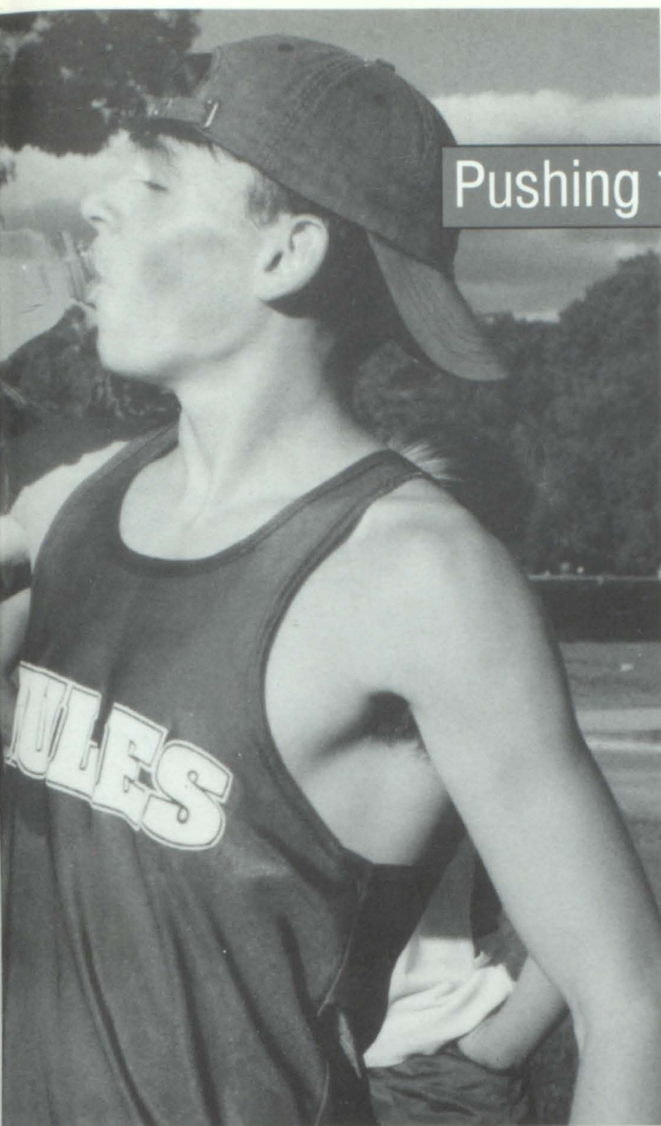
Pushing towards the front of the pack and

# Surviving

Sore feet,  
blisters,  
and  
lo-ong  
distances



Sophomore Melanie Smith and junior Heather Hoja run together at the Poplar Bluff Invitational. This was the girls only home meet of the season. "Competative and exeleration are my feelings while running. I also think of passing the person in front of me and I try to concentrate on my form," Smith said..



Girls Varsity

Webster Grove  
4

Jackson  
4

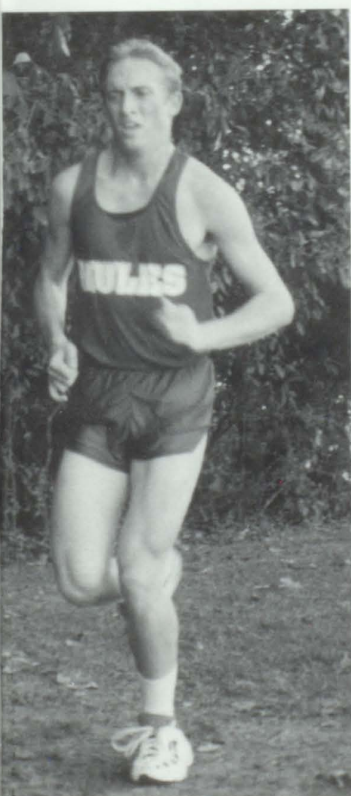
Kelly Benton  
3

Cape Central  
0

Viburnum  
2

Potosi  
5

Conference  
3(Boys) 3(Girls)



'98 Cross Country team (front row) Eric Summers, Darren Hillis, Ronnie Webb, Mary Keeling, Nicole Rivers, Terry Britton, Shawna Artis, Tony Sandas; (second row) Emily Wyatt, Ashley McCauley, Sara Lawson, Becca Warner, Heather Hoja, Elaine Wujick, Jacee Edington, Tenisha Britton, Wade Downing; (back row) Christy Sparkman, Dylan Brack, Samantha Potter, Aaron Wheeler, Chris Reeves, John Robison, James Guise, Mike Mittermeyer, Craig Douglas, Matt Mobley, Doug Edwards.



After a hard race in the Poplar Bluff Invitational junior John Robison is congratulated by freshman teammate Darren Hillis. "It makes you feel good and run faster when people cheer you on, especially when they throw water on you," Robison said.



# Making MEMORIES

## On the court:

"Beating Bernie is a memory that stands out in my mind. I feel privileged to play with the people I do; they are very talented and easy to communicate with on the court."

-Jamie Crawford, 11

## Off the court:

Last year we didn't play very well in a game, and when we got back on the bus, someone got out their cell phone to call home. Coach came back and said that we did so good we should just call and tell everyone about it. One player stood up and started cheering. She hadn't realized Coach was being sarcastic."

-Lindsay Lovelace, 10

## On the court:

"I remember the time we beat Park Hills in the SEMO tournament. That was the greatest game our team has ever played. Everyone was so pumped."

-Christy Rush, 12

## Off the court:

Last year we were coming back from a trip, and I had to go to the bathroom really bad, so I had Coach Priddy stop the bus in Dexter just so I could go. I felt really stupid about it, but other people had to go also, so I didn't feel that bad."

-Gennie Gieselmann, 12

## On the court:

"Once, in practice, Christy Rush dove really hard onto the floor for a ball. It was hilarious because she looked like a fish flopping."

-Stacy Scott, 10

## Off the court:

"A funny thing that happened on a bus trip was when Gennie Gieselmann dumped her water bottle out the window of the moving bus. Instead of traveling out, the water splashed back through the open windows, and got everybody wet."

-Mimi Kingery, 9

## On the court:

"In the middle of a game, as I was trying to hit a serve back over the net, I completely missed the ball and it hit my head."

-Whitney Ray, 10

Junior Jamie Crawford and Senior Amanda Hillis watch intensely as their teammates on the JV team rally against the Clearwater Tigers on Thursday, October 1. "It was our first home game, and I was thinking, 'We have to win this game because we only have five home games this year,'" Crawford said.

## Endurance Marks a Long Season of

# Surviving the spikes and the serves



Senior Christy Rush comes down after jumping up to slam the ball against the Sikeston Bulldogs on Thursday, September 22. Her opponent tries to block the kill, but could not succeed against one of the Lady Mules' top hitters. "I was so determined to beat Sikeston, and all the determination paid off because we won," Rush said.

Bloomfield  
2-0

Richland  
2-0

Bell City  
0-2

Sikeston  
3-2

Bernie  
0-2

Doniphan  
2-0

Oran  
2-0



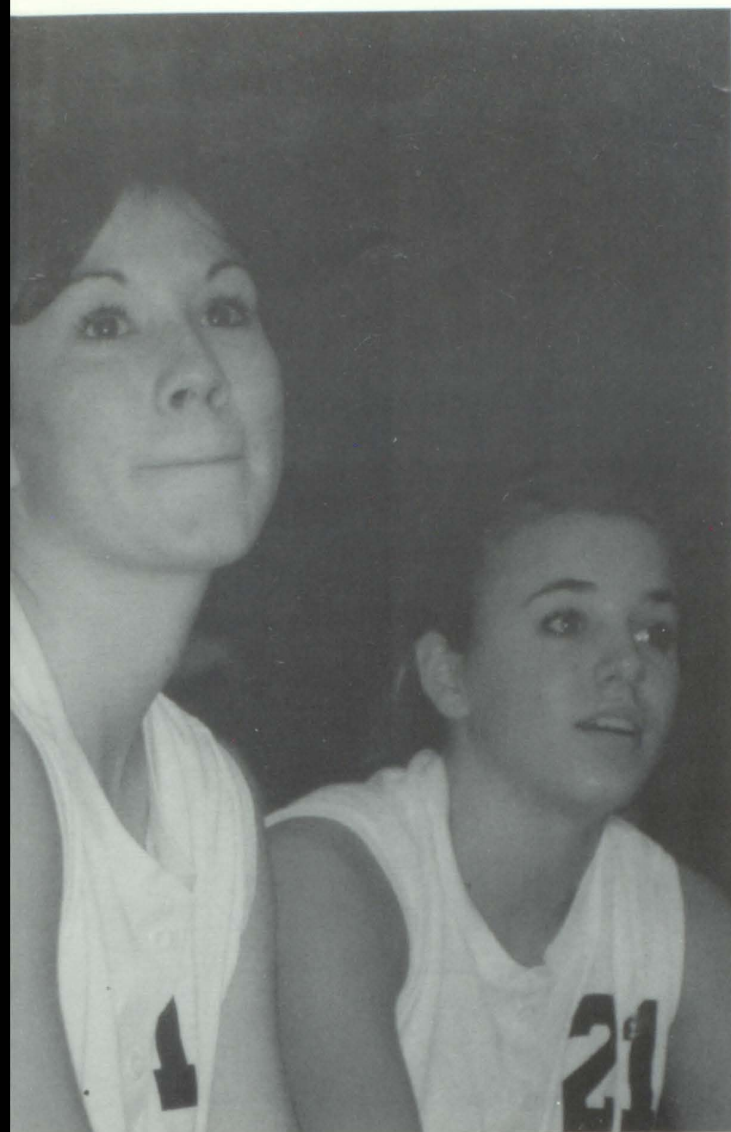
Senior Amanda Hillis sets up the ball for her teammate, Christy Rush, to kill. "Even though setting is probably the hardest position to play, I love being the setter. It's great when I see Christy slam the ball down and I know I had a part in it," Hillis said.



While tying her shoe, freshman Mimi Kingery tries to become mentally prepared to go back in the game. Their coach, Carol Priddy, picked the navy and white Nike shoes for the team. The team then bought them for around fifty dollars each.

At the volleyball lock-in on Friday, August 21, freshmen Tara Nelson and Megan Myatt struggle to get across the length of the annex floor. "Megan and I thought fast and I think we came up with some pretty good ideas," Nelson said.





Finding herself in the middle of a "human knot," feshman Elisha Ezell asks herself, "How can I get out of this thing?" The volleyball team spent a practice at the Sears Youth Center where they completed a ropes course that taught teamwork. "We were in a huge knot. It was really fun trying to untie ourselves," Ezell said.

## 10: Secret Sisters

### Unity Makes the Team

How it works: Each girl picks a secret sis 'out of a hat' and then treats that person with small gifts throughout the season.

"From how it's going now, (secret sis) will probably be a *tradition* for years to come."  
-Kristen Hall, 12

"Even though it's just small things like *candy* or a waterbottle, I think it really motivates the team."  
-Mimi Kingery, 9

"It is a *neat* idea that you don't know who your 'sis' is. It keeps you *guessing*."  
-Shonna Swiney, 11

"It's *fun* to get stuff before the game. It makes me *happy*!"  
-Tina Kelley, 9

Love, secret sis

Twin Rivers  
3-2

Clearwater  
2-0

Twin Rivers  
3-2

Doniphan  
2-0

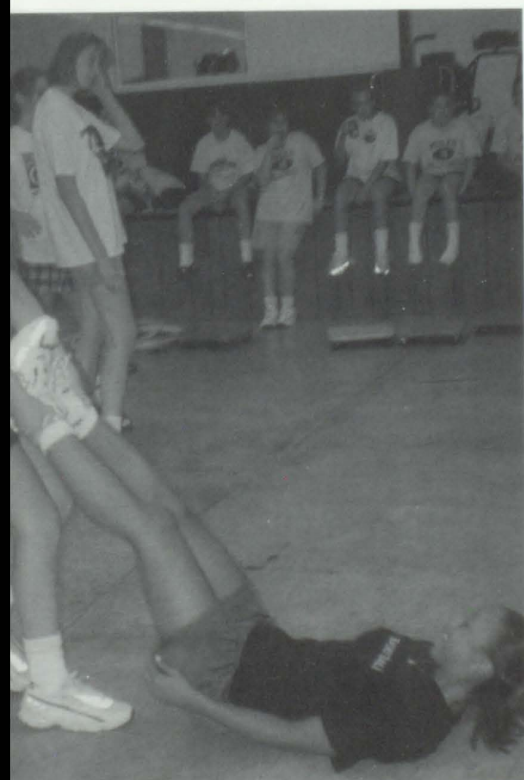
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Greenville  
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Puxico  
2-0

Dexter  
3-2

Cape  
2-0



M.V.P.  
**Amanda Hillis**  
  
Hitting Award  
**Christy Rush**  
  
Lisa Godwin Award  
**Gennie Gieselmann**

Serving Award  
**Amber Camp**



'98 Volleyball team (front row) Tara Nelson, Alicia Ezell; (second row) Amanda Hillis, Tina Kelley, Lindsay Lovelace; (third row) Shonna Swiney, Kristen Hall, Johnna Milner, Jamie Crawford, Stacey Scott; (back row) Mike Berry (manager), Sara Swiney, Gennie Gieselmann, Christy Rush, Whitney Ray, Jera Ridens, Mimi Kingery, Amber Camp, and Megan Myatt.



# Making MEMORIES

## On the field:

"One time someone hit the ball really hard to Katie Wells and it hit her so hard that it knocked her glove off. She quickly picked up the ball and managed to get the girl out at first."

Laura Blancett, 9

## Off the field:

"Once Amy Hendricks gave the whole team the 'Oh-really' syndrome. Amy says it sarcastically a lot, so when something's not true, she'll say, 'Oh, really, it's not?' and when something is true, she'll say, 'Oh really, it is?' She had everyone saying it."

April Moss, 11

## On the field:

"Coach Alexander was playing pitcher at practice, and she tried to throw someone out at first, but she threw too hard and the ball went over the fence."

Amy Hendricks, 12

## Off the field:

"The upper classmen have a tradition that they do. They tell a freshman to go up to Stephanie Fletcher and ask her how many push-ups her brother can do. Stephanie tells them that her brother doesn't have any arms so it will embarrass the freshmen."

Stephanie Stonecipher, 9

## On the field:

"When we played Notre Dame, we had lost to them twice before, but we went on the field with a newfound confidence, and beat them 9-1. It was a totally intense game. We all played awesome and were rewarded for our hard work with a great win."

Crystal Rodebaugh, 11

## Off the field:

"Before every game we pray a specific prayer. We started our third game against Notre Dame with the Lord's Prayer, and we ended up beating them by a lot. After that game we started every game by holding hands and reciting the Lord's Prayer."

Kristi Dewitt, 10

Junior Jessica Sells stirs up a cloud of dust as she slides safely into third base during a home game against Twin Rivers. "I don't like sliding because I get strawberries," Sells said. "I almost never slide; this was probably the only time I did it all season." Despite her efforts, the girls ended up losing the game to Twin Rivers, 5-7.



## Favorite Position

"Pitcher, because you get to feel the most intensity of the game because every play starts from that position." -Crystal Rodebaugh, 11

"Shortstop, because a lot of balls are hit there and I like to field." -Jessica Sells, 11

"Catcher, because you are involved in almost every play." -Laura Blancett, 9

"The bench, because you don't get yelled at as much." -Bernadette Willey, 10

## Least Favorite Position

"I hate to play outfield because it's boring." -Katie Wells, 12

"Catcher, because I'm afraid of bats hitting me." -B. J. Whitt, 10

"Pitcher, because they get yelled at more than any other player." -Stephanie Fletcher, 12

"Third base, because you are so close to the batter and the balls come fast." -Nicole Wooten, 12

Notre Dame  
0-6

Neelyville  
15-0

Twin Rivers  
5-7

Perryville  
12-22

Jackson  
1-8

Cape  
9-2

East Carter  
4-6



Freshman Jessica Wilson bats against West Plains with one out left in the inning. "I was bunting the ball to try to lay it down soft so I could get on first base," Wilson said. "The only thought running through my mind was to get the ball on the ground and run fast." She got to first, and the team, which was already ahead, ended up winning by the 10-run-rule in the fifth inning.



Seniors Stephanie Fletcher and Amy Hendricks, freshman Laura Blancett, and junior Crystal Rodebaugh sit in the dugout watching a junior varsity game. "It was really an intense moment," Fletcher said. "We were all hoping that the JV would win, because we had already won the varsity game."

After her first at-bat in a high school game, freshman Heather Pennington tries to beat the ball to first. "We were playing Notre Dame and the only thought in my mind was to get to first base," Pennington said. "They were a pretty good team, and we lost 8-1. Losing this game...made us more determined to win the rest."



Playing in a home game against East Carter County, senior Katie Wells puts some "oomph" into a pitch. "Pitching takes a great deal of time and effort," Wells said. "You have to be mentally tough because pitching comes with a lot of pressure. One bad pitch can cost a game and everyone is counting on me," she added. "I like that kind of pressure."

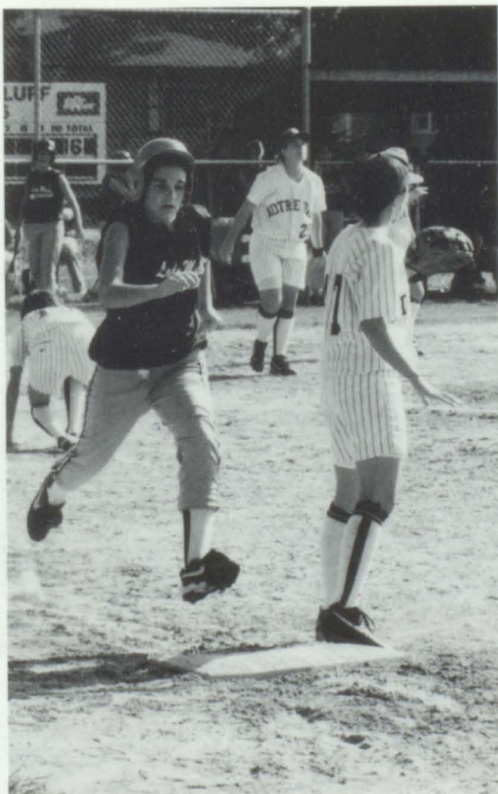
## Softball Girls are Queens of

# Surviving base hits and pop flies

Sitting patiently outside the gym, senior Nicole Wooten waits for the rest of the team to get ready to leave for a road trip to West Plains. "We were all waiting for the bus. I was wondering whether or not we would win," Wooten said. "I hated it when we lost on road trips because sometimes we weren't allowed to talk on the way back," she explained. Luckily, the girls beat West Plains 15-10. "It was a good thing [that we won], because it made our bus ride home happy," Wooten added.



East Prairie 4-1	Jackson 1-9	East Carter 0-9	West Plains 12-2	Sikeston 11-1	Twin Rivers 2-13	Cape 1-10	East Prairie 1-15	Kelly-Benton 0-6
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M.V.P. & Best Offensive Player  
**Amy Hendricks**  
Most Improved  
**Jenny Schwiinger**  
Defensive Player  
**Jessica Wilson**  
Pitching Award  
**Crystal Rodebaugh and Katie Wells**



'98 Softball Team (front row) Jessica Wilson, B. J. Whitt, Kristi Dewitt, Jennifer Schwiinger, Jennifer Spell, Katie Wells; (second row) Ashley Young, Ashley Williams, Amy Hendricks, Crystal Rodebaugh, Laura Blancett, Stefanie Stonecipher; (back row) Laura Patty, Heather Pennington, Bernadette Willey, Adrienne Killian, Stephanie Fletcher, April Moss, Nicole Wooten, Jessica Sells, Coach Lisa Alexander.



# Making MEMORIES

## Off the field:

"At soccer practice Coach Carda was scrimmaging with the team. The field was wet, muddy, and hard to play on. Coach Carda was dribbling in to take a shot when he slipped and fell, landing in the mud on his butt."

-Nathan Thompson, 12

## On the field:

"I blocked this kid's shot. He got kind of mad and tried to pull me down onto the ground. He was laying on the ground with a hold on my left foot. I kicked him in the side of the head to make him let go. I got a red card, and I had to sit out the next game. I'll never forget the look on that guy's face."

-Ryan Heuiser, 10

## Off the field:

"On the way back from Farmington we were all celebrating our outstanding win. We were also celebrating because we knew we wouldn't have to run the next practice."

-Doug Anglim, 9

## On the field:

"Seth Merriman crossed the ball over to me and I kicked it in to score to tie the game with Cape. We went into overtime, and lost, but we played a good game."

-Cory Nichols, 10

## Off the field:

"On our way back from Jackson, McGwire hit his 62nd homerun. We all jumped around, and everyone went crazy. But then, Coach Gittens jumped up and yelled at us because we lost and had no reason to celebrate. That put a damper on things."

-Kyle Walsh, 12

## On the field:

"My first varsity game I stopped lots of guys and had an all around good game. I was really pumped, and I earned a start in the next game."

-Ben Haas, 9

## Off the field:

"The freshmen get put in garbage cans, have to double up on the bus, and take water to the varsity."

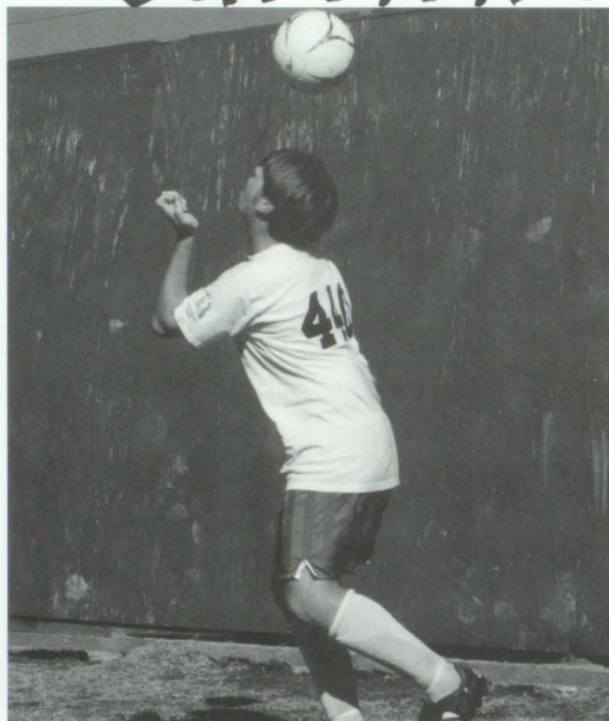
-Karl Wampler, 9

Grant Collins, junior, quenches his thirst. "I get so thirsty because we run a lot in soccer and we always bump into people. We tell the freshmen to go get water and they do it. Sometimes they complain a little bit, so we kick their butts and then they'll do it," Collins said. "Freshmen do the dirty work," freshman Chad Lampe said.

## Defying fatigue, denying the shot, and

# Surviving

the long trip back downfield



Sophomore fullback John Newman heads the ball to prepare himself for the varsity game.

"Against West Plains a small forward took the ball and shot and had our keeper beat. I was on the goal line and it hit me in the temple, and I got a concussion from it. I didn't do anything about it, but I finally went to the hospital four days later," Newman said.

Jackson  
3-1

West Plains  
4-1

Notre Dame  
1-0

Cape  
3-2

Farmington  
8-1

Sikeston  
5-3



Sophomore Cory Nichols takes time for a nap on the bench during a game. "The game was too easy, so Coach told me that I could sit out and I just slept because I was tired. I played the first half and got an assist. We beat them really bad, so nobody cared that I was sleeping. I was tired because I went to a party the night before and didn't get back home until after midnight," Nichols said.



During halftime of the home game against West Plains, the boys gather around Coach Gittens to hear the game plan for the second half of the game. "Coach told Cory Nichols to go in for Jared Duckett and I was supposed to play defense. Cory came in, but he forgot to tell me to play defense, so we didn't have anyone to play defense," senior Justin Duckett said.

Junior James Gieselmann throws the ball in to start the play during a home game against Sikeston. "When I throw the ball in I usually look for someone who can handle the ball. Once, at a game in Cape, the field had two lines, one for football and one for soccer. I didn't know which one to use, and I threw the ball in from the wrong line," Gieselmann said.





**C**oncentrating, senior Seth Merriman aims for a shot against Cape's keeper. "When I shoot I don't think about anything except placement. Earlier in that game I missed a wide open shot. My most amazing goal this season was in the first home game against West Plains. I scored the go-ahead goal with about ten minutes left," Merriman said.

## FELIX'S FUTEBOL FACTS



Felix Rodrigues is a foreign exchange student from Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

What are some *similarities* and *differences* between soccer in America and *Brazil*?

### Similarities

"We run and stretch. We use the same 3-5-2 style. The size of the field is the same."

### Differences

"Here we run more, and in Brazil we play more and talk more during the game. In Brazil we don't run if we do something wrong."

### Soccer terms:

(English - Portuguese)

red card - cartao vermelho	goalie - goleiro
yellow card - cartao amarelo	ball - bola
soccer - futebol	foul - falta

Cape 3-2	Carbondale 0-0	Jackson 3-2	Farmington 9-0	Parkview 2-2	West Plains 2-0	Sikeston 5-0	Notre Dame 2-1
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M.V.P.  
**Seth Merriman**  
Gary Terando Award  
**Justin Duckett**  
Defense Award  
**Ryan Heiser**  
Most Improved  
**Jerrad Roehrs**  
Do-Right Award  
**Kyle Walsh**



'98 Boys Soccer Team (front row) Ben Brumitt, Chad Lampe, Cameron Duncan, Jared Wampler, Eric Blaich, Chris Brown; (second row) Brad Clark, Chris Doran, Kyle Walsh, Dustin Berry, James Gieselmann, Josh Riggs, Jamie Waddell, Tim Jarboe, Cory Nichols, Austin Ulrich; (back row) Justin Duckett, John Newman, Drew Benson, Nathan Thompson, Seth Merriman, Chris Richardson, Luke McCann, Grant Collins, Ryan Heiser, Brad MacDonald, Jerrad Roehrs.

*sports*



# Making MEMORIES

## On the court:

"When I was playing a match in Potosi, I hit a ball barely over the net and when the girl ran up for it, she tripped over her own feet, and fell face-first right into the net. It's kind of mean, but it was so funny."

-Rachel Grady, 9

## On the court:

"I was playing, and as I was running to get the ball, I ran into the backboard and fell."

-Laura Nunnery, 9

## Off the court:

"At our last game against Potosi, Coach and some other players were sitting against a pole and it fell. When it did, the girl I was playing turned around to see what had happened, and I scored the winning point."

-Sahar Choudhary, 11

## On the court:

"It was really funny one time when I was running for a ball and dove for it, and I ended up skidding across the court."

-Erin Gillis, 9

## Off the court:

"On every bus trip we've gone on this year, the upper classmen always sing and almost all of them were off key. We won't give names."

-Sarah Walsh, 9

## On the court:

"Emily and I were playing doubles and a horse fly came at her and bit her. Then we started chasing it and the other team hit a ball that hit me in the forehead."

-Aurel Robertson, 9

## Off the court:

"During practice one day, the whole tennis team ran through Bacon Park and Erin Gillis tried to jump over a ditch, and she fell in."

-Katie Farris, 12

## On the court:

"It was really funny when we were doing volley drills, and I missed the ball and it hit me in the neck."

-Jessica Kennedy, 9

Resting after her performance in a home match against Kennett, freshman Erin Gillis watches the next game with anticipation. "I have always liked to play tennis. So, when I got to the high school this year, I decided to give it a try," Gillis said. "Even though this is my first year here, I really love it. I like everything about it—especially the game situations."



## the Driver Song



--- a live thank you card

On all bus trips taken during the tennis season, the team and Coach McMannus show their respect for their drivers by serenading them with the following song. "It's our way of saying thank you to the driver, and it usually makes them smile," McMannus said.

*"Three cheers for the bus driver,*

*the bus driver,*

*the bus driver!*

*Three cheers for the bus driver,*  
*the best of them all.*

*He's happy and jolly,*  
*we love him, by golly!*

*Three cheers for the bus driver,*  
*the best of them all!"*



## Sectionals

a test  
--- of the  
BEST

For the first time since the 1989 season, the girls tennis team went to the sectionals after completing a season with a 9-4 record and placing second in district. The sectionals were held in Forest Park, St. Louis, and consisted of matches against Saint Joseph Academy, which ended in a 0-6 defeat.



Farmington  
9-0

West Plains  
4-5

Cape  
2-7

Kennett  
7-2

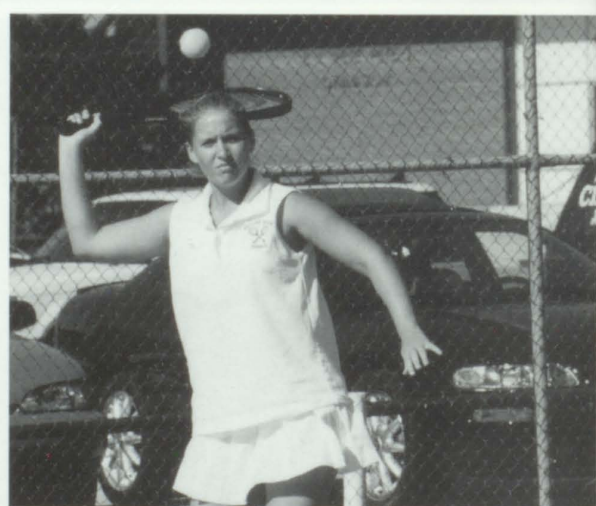
Dexter  
9-0

Chaffee  
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Potosi  
9-0



The "six pack," or the six team members chosen to play in sectionals, gather around Coach McMannus and show their shining smiles in high hopes of playing well during the game. "It was so exciting to be a part of the six pack, and I was honored to get to go to sectionals," senior Andrea Lovelace said.



Senior Katie Farris begins her match against Farmington with a serve. "Serving is one of my favorite parts of the game, because when you start out with an awesome serve, you usually play awesome all the way through the game," Farris said. The match was held in Poplar Bluff on August 27, and ended in a 9-0 victory.



Focusing on the ball, senior Kellie Opalewski completes a back hand volley at an after school practice. The girls tennis team practices every day after school for an hour and a half to two hours. "I really believe that practice is only as hard as we make it, so I try to make it as hard as I can," Opalewski said.

## Getting Into the Swing of

# Surviving

the screaming  
100 mph  
serves and  
backhands

As the ball flies over the net and toward her, sophomore Megan Bridges darts forward and quickly retaliates with a drop shot. She won her match against her Farmington opponent 8-0, and the team won the overall game with a score of 9-0. "My favorite shot is a drop-shot because if it is done right the ball will go just over the net. This makes it almost impossible for them to get to it in time," Bridges said.

Sikeston  
9-0

Kennett  
6-3

Jackson  
4-5

Potosi  
9-0

Caruthersville  
9-0

Charleston  
4-5

Jackson (JV)  
5-8



'98  
Girls Tennis  
Team

(front row) Laura Nunnery, Kim Rosman, Emily McWilliams, Aurel Robertson, Megan Bridges, Natalie McDonald, Jessica Kennedy, Erin Gillis; (middle row) Lindsay Brown, Megan Edington, Andrea Lovelace, Kellie Opalewski, Coach McManus, Katie Farris, Amy Love, Kristen Woolverton, Emily Clark; (back row) Saher Choudhary, Amanda Whittenburg, Lauren Smith, Sarah Walsh, Whitney Woods, Rachel Grady Bridges, Natalie McDonald, Jessica Kennedy, Erin Gillis.

Jennifer  
Barton  
Award  
Amanda  
Whittenburg

Six Pack  
Award  
Megan  
Bridges,  
Katie Farris,

Andrea  
Lovelace,  
Kellie  
Opalewski,  
Lauren  
Smith,  
Amanda  
Whittenburg



With her brow furrowed in concentration, sophomore Lauren Smith attempts to volley the ball to her Chaffee opponent's side of the court during a doubles game. The match was held at Poplar Bluff on September 8. "I was playing doubles with Amanda Whittenburg," Smith said. "It's great to play together because we're really focused, and I always know what she is going to do next."



# Making MEMORIES

## On the field:

"One JV game, I wore two different shoes. They were my freshman cheerleading shoes, which looked kind of alike, so it wasn't too bad."

-Angela Ballew, 12

## Off the field:

"One of the worst memories I have was from the time we cheered at the district championship football game. We decided to wear our wind suits, which are slick, and when I went up into an extension, I lost my balance. Ashley Cochran tried to catch me, but I slipped and fell on her head. It ended up that she was in a neck brace for three days, oops!"

-Lindsay Walker, 10

## On the field:

"At the Vianney football game, Shamonie forgot her poms on the bus. Jennifer, Shamonie, and I attempted to break into three buses to find the poms. After failing on the first bus, the second bus was locked, so we put Shamonie in a prep to go through a window on the last bus. In the end, that was not even our bus."

-Ashley Cochran, 11

## Off the field:

"One time, Jenny Gibbs forgot her bloomers to wear underneath her skirt before an assembly, so I had to run home and get a pair for her."

-Sandy Stephens, 11

## On the field:

"At the basketball homecoming assembly, there was whipped cream all over the floor. I was afraid I was going to step on it and something awful was going to happen, but all was well."

-Lindsay Burcham, 10

## Off the field:

"The worst bus trip was when we went to Lafayette. First, the guys rode with us. Then we had some funky '80s music up so loud that we could not even talk to each other without yelling. To top it off, the coaches were really mean to us!"

-Jennifer Reed, 11

Junior Emma Franklin spreads a little spirit at a home football game. "Football is my favorite sport to cheer at because it's outside, and I think the fresh air gets the fans pumped up! This year the games were really great because the pep squad worked with us," Franklin said.

## Getting the crowd into the game

# Surviving the stunts and the jumps



At the Football Homecoming Assembly, cheerleaders show students the results of their morning practices. Sophomore Lindsay Walker and juniors Jenny Gibbs and Sandy Stephens rise above the others to lead a cheer. "I usually don't get nervous when they hoist me up. Despite a few minor accidents, the girls are pretty good at keeping me balanced," Walker said.



Chants per game 45-50 Number of dances 4 Earliest practice 6:20am Fundraisers 5



Freshman Leanne Magill spots freshman Breanne Sharp as she attempts to go up in a prep before a freshman basketball game. "One time I fell during a basketball game off a prep. I was really embarrassed, but luckily someone caught me," Sharp said.



Varsity cheerleaders carry out the banner for the football players to run through made by pep club. "I think the guys (football team) like running through the tunnels and throwing paper everywhere," senior Shelly Walz said.

Juniors Vera Terhune, Jennifer Reed, and Ashley Cochran spot Sandy Stephens at a home football game. "I enjoy stunting at football games because the crowd oohs and ahhs. It looks really hard to do a stunt, but you have to stay light and trust the people who catch you," Stevens said.







Junior Shamonie Latham exercises on a bike in the cardiovascular room in the annex. "Cheerleaders have to lift weights twice a week and work out during the off season, too, so that we do not get lazy. I work out in the cardiovascular room once a week," Latham said. The room was donated in memory of Lisa Godwin, a P.E. teacher.



## Kiddie Camp



Training future cheerleaders

How it works: Each cheerleader helps kids K-6 grade learn cheers and chants, which the kids then perform at a basketball game.

"It was **fun** getting to see all the **enthusiastic** little boys and girls."

-Ashley Cochran, 11

"I **enjoy** seeing the parents' faces when they see their kids **perform** during the halftime of the game."

-Jenny Gibbs, 11

"It makes me **remember** when I used to look up to the cheerleaders. Now I'm the one being looked up to. It's **great!**"

-Sandy Stephens, 11

"I enjoy teaching the kiddie camp and **watching** the little boys and girls do the cheers and **jumps.**"

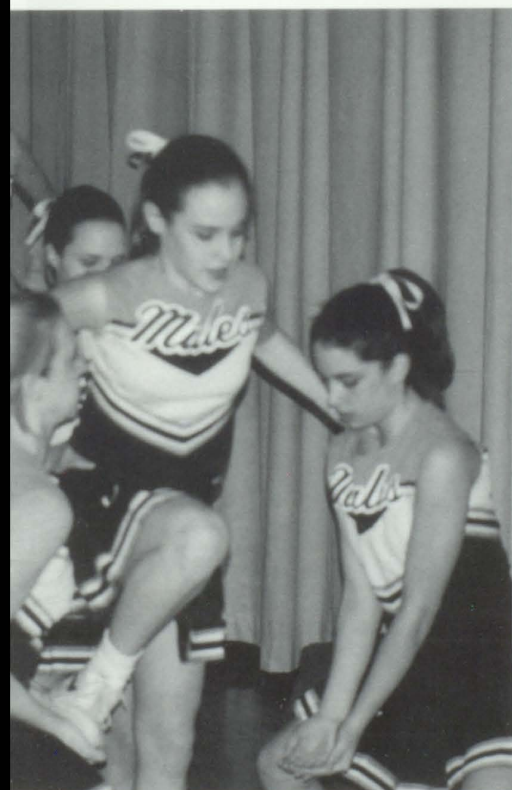
-Shelly Walz, 12

Most hours practiced  
at one time

Toe touches per practice

Hours on a bus per year

Practices per week



Varsity  
Captain-  
**Jennifer  
Reed**

Coach and  
Sponsor-  
**Cheri  
Cato**

Most  
Improved-  
**Carrie  
Warren**



'98-'99  
Cheerleading Squad (front row) Lindsay Burcham; (second row) Latisha Brooks, Vera Terhune, Joanne Huck, Casey Garrison, Kylie Alexander; (third row) Breanne Sharp, Jenny Gibbs, Jennifer Reed, Sandy Stephens, Ashley Cochran, Sarah Rohde; (back row) Stefanie Woodsmall, B.J. Franklin, Jessica Hogg, Leanne Magill, Shelly Walz, Carrie Warren, Lindsay Walker, Shamonie Latham, Crystal Johnson.

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# Making MEMORIES

## Off the court:

"One day after practice we all chased after Ronnie Webb, caught him, held him down, and put shaving cream all over his head and under his arms."

-Travis Tinsley, 10

## On the court:

"In the game against New Madrid at the Sikeston tournament there were two seconds left on the clock and Stan Revelle passed the ball to me and I scored the winning basket."

-Ryan Whelan, 11

## Off the court:

"On the bus on the way back from Lafayette, Coach (Pattillo) started singing David Allen Coe's 'You Don't Even Call Me By My Name.'"

-Chris Reeves, 12

## On the court:

"It was towards the end of the Lafayette game and Alfred Rivers passed it to Jamie on the wing. He shot it and as soon as the ball left Jamie's hand, way before the shot went in, Whelan yelled 'Threee...' just like an announcer would at a college game."

-Stan Revelle, 10

## Off the court:

"Whelan didn't wear any socks during the Kennett game, so after sweating and working hard all game we go into the locker room greeted by Whelan's terrible foot odor."

-Jared Duckett, 10

## On the court:

"The worst moment of this season to me was during the Sikeston game when I got a technical foul. It was a four point turn around and may have lost the game for us."

-Travis Kingery, 12

## Off the court:

"We were riding home from Lafayette and listening to the Eagles, and every time the lead singer would sing in a real high voice, Coach Pattillo and Ryan Whelan would try to imitate it."

-Matt Dodd, 11

While stretching before the game many things are going through the players heads. Senior Chris Reeves uses this time as a relaxation period. "I always sing along with the songs that the pep band plays as I stretch. I've got to know the song 'Eye of the Tiger' really well," Reeves said.



## rising above the rest

minimum 120 lbs. average 161.3 lbs. maximum 185 lbs.  
weight weight weight

5'8" 5'11.8" 6'3"  
height height height

-15 varsity basketball players surveyed.

2 5.47 10  
three pointers three pointers three pointers

2 8.94 24  
free-throws made free-throws made free-throws made

-18 varsity basketball games surveyed.

Farmington 72-67 Blytheville 74-69 Doniphan 60-63 Dexter 71-61 Kennett 71-61 Lafayette 55-48 Malden 76-72 Twin Rivers 59-40



Junior Ryan Whelan shows his game face right before swishing one more of those all-important free throws. "Every game is important, so I always have to knock down my free throws to seal the game," Whelan said. The free throw is one of the most practiced shots in the game. There is nothing more mortifying for a player than missing a last second free throw and losing the game because he would let the whole team down.



During a 20-second time out, Coach John David Pattillo points out the mistakes the team made in the game and how the boys' game could be improved. "Basketball can be a very interesting sport. It is a fast-paced game where the team has a chance to put a lot of points on the board. It is also very physical," Travis Kingery said.

Senior Corey Hamilton, defended by two Kennett players, drives baseline and shoots a one-handed lay-up. "Kennett was our first conference game, and it was an important one to win," Hamilton said. Offensive execution became a top priority for the Mules toward mid-season, and with this came the wins.



Junior Michael Kilgore makes a strong move to the basket just before breaking his wrist. "After I crossed my defender up, I elevated into the air then one of the Kennett's guys pushed me out of mid-air. I fell, and that's how I broke my wrist," Kilgore said. The anger toward the Kennett players at that point ignited a spark that led the Mules to four straight wins.

Always concentrating on the basketball and

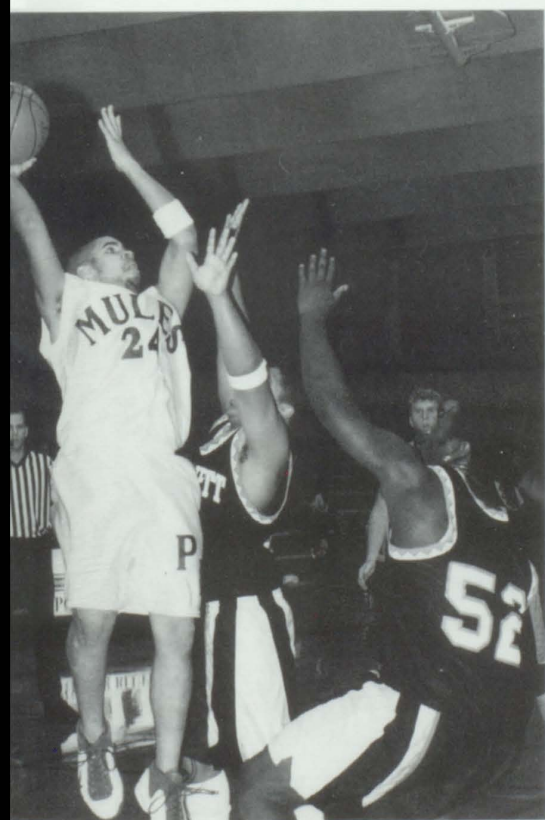
# Surviving

the  
drive  
to the  
hoop



Sophomore Stan Revelle splits two Malden defenders in a victory over the Green Wave. "That game was kind of a let down, because we could have played a lot better than we did, but we came out with a 'W,'" Revelle said. Victories over Kennett, Malden, Lafayette, and Twin Rivers brought the Mules to 7-7 at mid-season. The team ended the season at 12-14, placing third in the district championship tournament that was played here.

Jackson 65-69 East Carter 59-65 Cape Central 44-69 Bartlett 47-77 New Madrid 52-49 Sikeston 47-60 Osceola 44-69 West Plains 66-63 Scott County 98-78 Charleston 53-66



'98-'99  
Varsity Basketball  
Team

(front row) Volunteer Coach Pat Lee, Alfred Rivers, Matt Dodd, Chris Reeves, Travis Kingery, Grant Collins, Jay Clark, Ryan Whelan, manager Tony Gibson; (back row) Mike Kilgore, Cory Hamilton, William Britton, Coach Jim Vaughn, Coach Maurice Webb, Coach Tucker Pierce, Head Coach John David Pattillo, Coach Travis Brown, Travis Tinsley, Stan Revelle, Jason Matlock, Terry Britton.

Captains-  
Corey  
Hamilton  
and  
Chris  
Reeves

All Region-  
Chris  
Reeves  
and  
William  
Britton



# Making MEMORIES

## Off the court:

"On the way to the Cape Central game, we got the uniforms out on the bus. Evidently someone forgot to wash them and they stunk really bad!"

-Darren Hillis, 9

## On the court:

"I was in Sikeston and I had a head collision with some guy on the other team. I fouled out, but I didn't know it so I stayed in the game. The officials kept buzzing the buzzer and I couldn't figure out why. Someone finally told me what was going on, but by that time, everyone in the bleachers was already laughing!"

-Ronnie Webb, 10

## On the court:

"One of the things I remember most about basketball games is when a player knocks a cheerleader into the bleachers or a cheerleader trips over a ball. It happens at almost every game."

-Matt Dodd, 11

## Off the court:

"The team always picks on Ronnie Webb. One afternoon, Ronnie had a really bad practice, coach was really mad so he put shaving cream in his ears while he was in the locker room. Coach made Ronnie leave the shaving cream in his ears until it dissolved."

-Eric Scudder, 10

## On the court:

"One of the experiences I will probably never forget is when we played our game against Cape Central. It was an extremely intense game, not only because of the opposing team, but also because coach forgot to wash the uniforms from the previous game, so everytime someone ran down the court you could smell them."

-Ed McComb, 10

## Making shots, taking fouls and

# Surviving

## the never-ending drills

Freshman Darren Hillis stands in disbelief as Coach Patillo calls out another drill. "Sometimes basketball practice can get really tough, especially when we have to keep doing so many drills. I guess it does keep you in shape, but it is really hard to keep pushing yourself after doing drill after drill after drill. I am always glad when we're done," Hillis said.



Jackson  
63-48

Farmington  
61-22

Blytheville  
75-53

Notre Dame  
56-45

Doniphan  
53-32

Dexter  
81-58

New  
47



To ensure a good game for the following night, freshman B.J. Walker works on his form during an after-school practice. "Two hours a day doesn't really give us enough time to be ready for all of our games so I always try to practice really hard," B.J. Walker said.



The Junior Varsity team listens intently after a hard practice while the coach talks to them about the upcoming game. "This year, our team has a lot of spirit. We work really well as a team," freshman Kyle Young said.

Practices are always long and frustrating so we have to work hard to make a good shot and use our time wisely so we can be ready for the next game," sophomore Doug Edwards said.





Freshman Sean Roberts does crunches to help warm-up before a practice. Practices for both the JV basketball team and the varsity basketball team are held in the gym every day after school for two hours. During practice, skills, such as passing and shooting, as well as various basketball plays are practiced.

## Pregame Rituals

"I **eat** the same thing every day we have a game. It doesn't really mean anything, it just helps me to **concentrate** on the game."

-Aaron Morris, 10

"Warming up with my teammates really **helps** me to do my best."

-Ben Brumitt, 10

"I try to relax and **practice** my shots. It also really helps to put yourself in a certain **situation** and figure out how you're going to get out of it."

-Terry Britton, 11

adrid Kennett Lafayette Malden Twin Rivers Jackson East Carter Cape Central  
48-75 44-36 60-42 63-48 59-64 60-55 49-48



JV Coach-  
**Travis Brown**

Freshman Coach-  
**Tucker Pierce**

Assistant JV Coach-  
**Maurice Webb**

8th Grade Coach-  
**Jim Vaughn**



'99  
JV Basketball Team

(front row) Travis Tinsley, Sean Roberts, Michael Crunk, J.C. Clifford, Ed McComb, Greg Hansborough, Tyler Bader, Kyle Young, Michael Johnson, Darren Hillis, Doug Edwards; (second row) Ronnie Webb, Jamie Waddell, Eric Scudder, Wallace Lopez, B.J. Walker, Freeman Williams, Ben Brumitt, Maurice Moss, Austin Armes, Aaron Morris, Adam Rivers; (third row) William Britton, Ryan Whelan, Jay Clark, Chris Reeves, Grant Collins, Matt Dodd, Travis Kingery, Alfred Rivers, Stan Revelle, Tony Gibson (manager); (back row) Coach Jim Vaughn, Coach Maurice Webb, Volunteer Coach Pat Lee, Corey Hamilton, Michael Kilgore, Terry Britton, Jason Matlock, Coach Tucker Pierce, Coach John David Patillo, Coach Travis Brown.



# Making MEMORIES

## Off the court:

"After a tough and emotional defeat to the Jackson Indians, we all were ready to get home. Just before entering town we all woke up to the sound of sirens. Our bus driver was being ticketed for speeding."

-Ericka Emmons, 11

## On the court:

"The night of the home game against Sikeston, it was raining and storming really hard. During the varsity game, the lights kept flickering on and off. They finally went out at the end of the first quarter. The lights were fixed and we continued playing. They started flickering again in the third quarter and went out in the fourth quarter. The game was called. As we were getting ready to leave, the sirens went off again and the fans and players were split up between the boy's and girl's locker rooms. When it was clear, people were scurrying to their cars in the heavy downpour."

-Mary Keeling, 10

## Off the court:

"After two exciting wins against Union County, Kentucky, the entire team had a huge dinner at Ashley Williams's grandparents' house. There was lots of food made for us including cheese bread that everyone fought over, especially Tenisha."

-Jenny Schwiinger, 9

## On the court:

"One time when the buzzer went off after first quarter, I thought it was the half, so I started running off to the locker room. Freshman Nikki Rivers yelled, 'Tenisha, where are you going?' She told me it was the second quarter and I started laughing because I was kind of embarrassed."

-Tenisha Britton, 12

## Off the court:

"Before the Doniphan game, Emily Wyatt forgot to wash her uniform. Since she washed it right before we left for Doniphan, there wasn't enough time to dry it. Her uniform was so wet that when we got there we had to ask the Doniphan coach if we could use their dryer."

-Kellie Opalewski, 12

Watching the junior varsity play, senior Tenisha Britton relaxes on the bench before the varsity game. "I was getting ready for the game. After dressing we sit around and talk about things we need to do, and what we are going to do. That helps us take our game to the next level and communicate better," Britton said.



## Lady Mules Playbook

### Sideline Plays

**Names:** Cross pick, Stack, Diamond

**Strategy:** To get the ball inbounds without losing it to the other team.

### offensive plays

**names:** motion, quincy, shuffle, double post, triple post, high-low, special, sucker  
**strategy:** to try to get one player to the hoop to shoot and score by quickly moving their feet so the defense has a hard time guarding.

### Delays

**Names:** 3-Guard, 5

**Strategy:** To try and keep the ball in our own hands while running the clock down.

### Out of Bounds Plays

**Names:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

**Strategy:** To try to get one player to lose their defensive man making the player open to shoot.

### Defensive Plays

**Names:** Man-to-Man, Zone

**Strategy:** To keep the ball away from the opposing team's net by placing yourself between the ball and your man.

Charleston  
56-28

Scott Central  
83-47

St. Joe  
38-47

Ellington  
67-21

Jackson  
44-66

Cape  
46-44

Farmington  
47-31



Stretching is one of the Lady Mules routine warm-up activities. "Before each game I stretch really hard so that during the game I can play my hardest and hopefully not pull anything," freshman Nikki Rivers said. Some of the warm-up activities include jogging a few laps, stretching, post-moves, and shooting lay-ups and jump shots.



Sophomore Brooke Johnson and fellow team members stretch to the max before a game. "Before each game we have to get our minds focused. One thing we do before every game is say *The Lord's Prayer* together. After we pray our adrenaline starts rushing and we are fired up and ready to take on the other team," Johnson said.

Senior Amy Hendricks puts the heat on her Scott City opponent, trying to knock the ball out of her grasp. "I was playing man-to-man defense during the Cape Tournament. I was guarding this girl trying to keep her out of the middle," Hendricks said. The Lady Mules defeated Scott City 70-30, and placed first in the tournament.



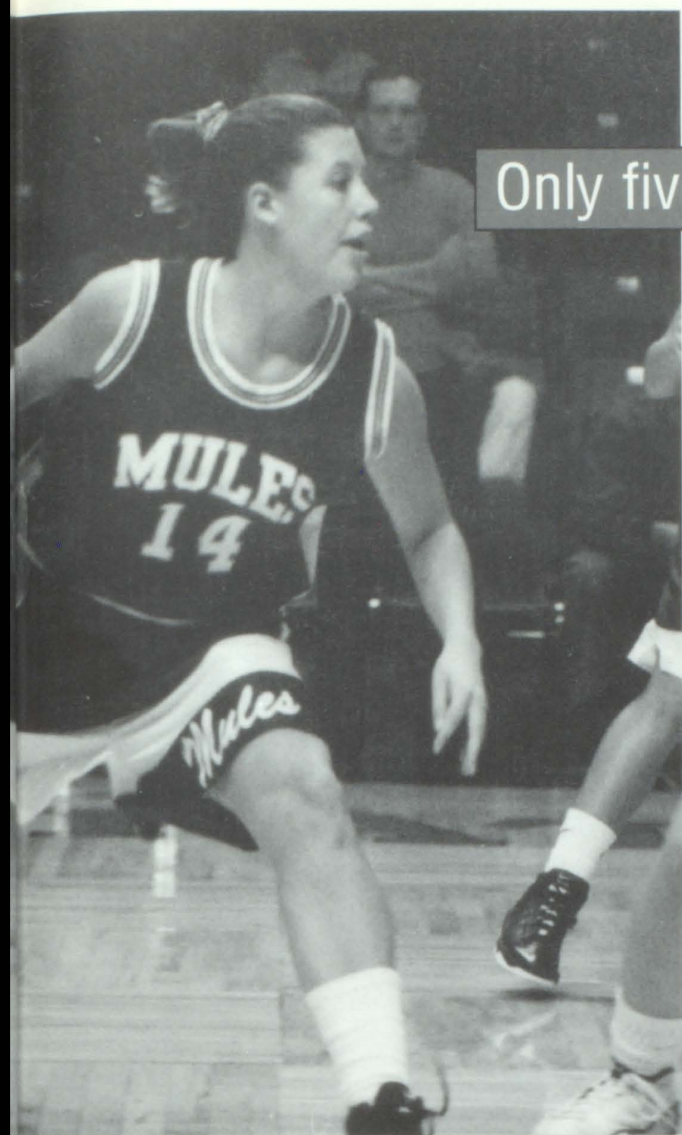
Senior Kellie Opalewski drives the ball down the court during a preliminary game versus Cape Central High School in the Health South Tournament. "We won first place and we beat Jackson. It was the highlight of our season. We usually go out to eat, but after we won the tournament coach wouldn't even stop to get something to drink. Later that night I got pulled over by a cop for speeding, but I got out of it because I kept talking about how we won the tournament," Opalewski said.

Only five seconds left and the girls are

# Surviving

the  
shot  
at the  
buzzer

Defying the hands of a Farmington defender, junior Likicia Hawes puts up a shot for the Lady Mules. "When I am shooting I think to myself 'I hope the ball goes in, and maybe we'll win the game'. My best game was against the Scott County Central. We blew them out. One time (a few teammates) and I went to Las Margaritas. They told the waiter it was my birthday and they came and sang 'Happy Birthday' to me in Spanish," Hawes said.



NMCC	Notre Dame	Sikeston	Union Co.	Doniphan	West Plains	Osceola	Park Hills	Doniphan
53-43	45-34	42-9	58-45	55-56	58-54	67-42	48-45	74-57



'98-'99  
Lady Mules  
Basketball  
Team

(front row) Amanda Whittenburg, Amy Hendricks, Jessica Sells, Kellie Opalewski, Likicia Hawes, Erika Emmons; (back row) Coach Kirk Chronister, Tenisha Britton, Sara Lawson, Mary Keeling, Emily Wyatt, Brooke Johnson, Audrea Hoyer, Coach Cindy Chronister.

Defense  
Award-  
**Likicia  
Hawes**

Most  
Improved-  
**Tenisha  
Britton**

Rebound  
Award-  
**Emily  
Wyatt**

Free  
Throw  
Percentage-  
**Ashley  
Williams**



'98-'99  
Lady Mules  
Basketball  
JV Team

(front row) Tara Nelson, Jacee Edington, Stefanie Stonecipher, Jennifer Shwinger, Heather Pennington, Ashley Williams, Jessica Wilson; (back row) Coach Kirk Chronister, Nikki Rivers, Sara Walsh, Sara Winey, Heather Raney, Laura Patty, Coach Cindy Chronister.



# Making MEMORIES

## On the mat

"We had a double duel against Rolla and Waynesville. I wasn't really expecting to win either of the matches, but I did. I was pretty proud that I could motivate myself to keep working hard."

-Josh Petersen, 11

## Off the mat

"During the Tiger Classic at Cape, Budda got caught in the hospitality room twice. Jake McFadden was also kicked out, but only once. We gave Budda a gauntlet. That's when you have to wrestle everyone on the team right in a row."

-Derek Vaughn, 12

## On the mat

"I wasn't at practice the day before a match, and so there wasn't a spot for me. I wanted to wrestle so I ended up against a guy that was 20 lbs. heavier. Ten seconds into the match I realized this wasn't a good idea."

-Aaron Wheeler, 11

## Off the mat

"We were on the bus on the way home from Cape Girardeau. We were killed by the Tigers and weren't in the best spirits. To make matters worse we had to drive through hard rain, strong wind and a tornado to get home."

-Jeff Kanell, 12

## On the mat

"Coach and I both knew that I was probably going to lose my match against Jackson, so I didn't have very high hopes. Just like we predicted I got whipped really bad. But it was fun just to wrestle."

-Rhett Nunn, 9

## Off the mat

"We were getting ready to take the team picture, and Coach Nelson walked in and didn't have anything nice to wear. So, being the nice guy I am, I let him borrow the clothes I wore to school that day."

-Coach Sievers

## On the mat

"I think the the funniest thing to watch is when Jeff Mannon tries to get off his back. From waist down he looks like a fish on a hook flopping around."

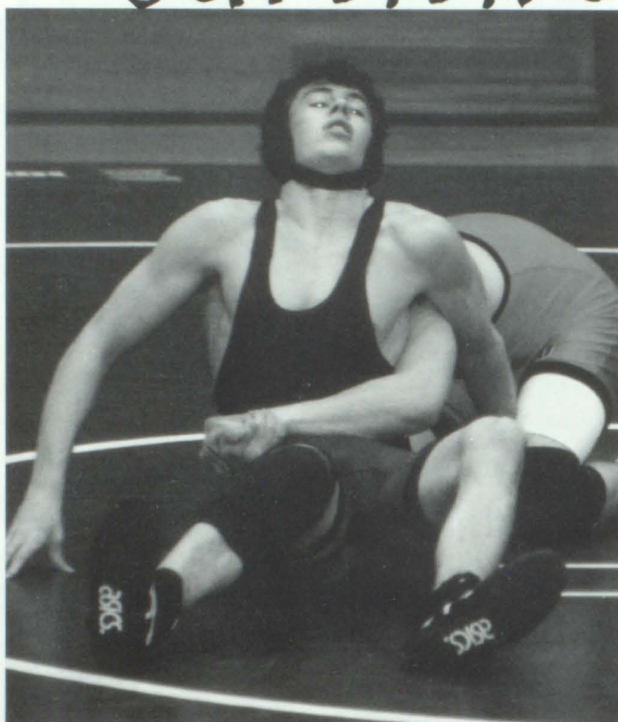
-Justin Eastin, 12

Sophomore Tony Cookson puts a move on his opponent which leads to a pin during the second round against Dexter. "He was strong, but he was an easy take. The pin just kind of happened," Cookson said.

## Staying smart, making the right moves, and

# Surviving

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and the  
clock

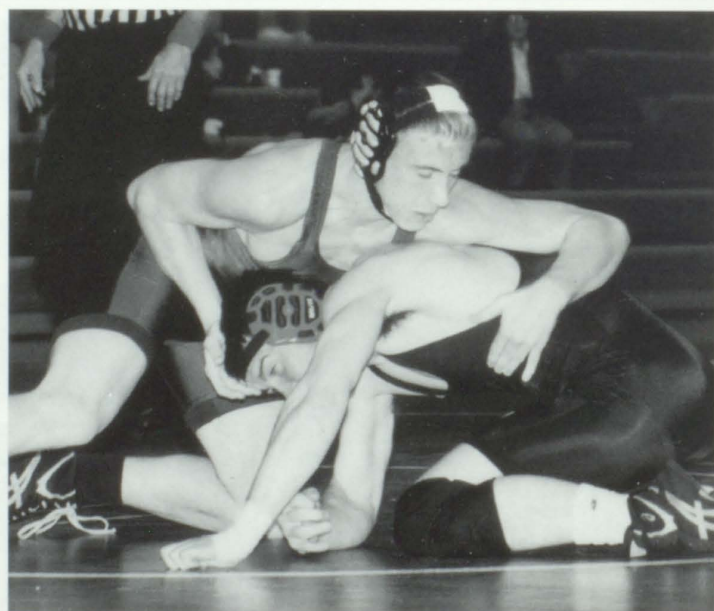


Junior Aaron Wheeler struggles to break free from a Sikeston wrestler at the SEMO Conference meet held in Poplar Bluff. "The match was tied up and I was trying to get a reversal, but I couldn't get away from his arms because they were clasped. Right then the ref called clasping and I got a penalty point. I was like 'yes!'" Wheeler said.

Sikeston	Parkway South	Tournament	Dexter	Tiger Classic	Waynesville	Rolla	New Madrid
21-57	4th	57-24	12th	44-25	37-29	66-17	



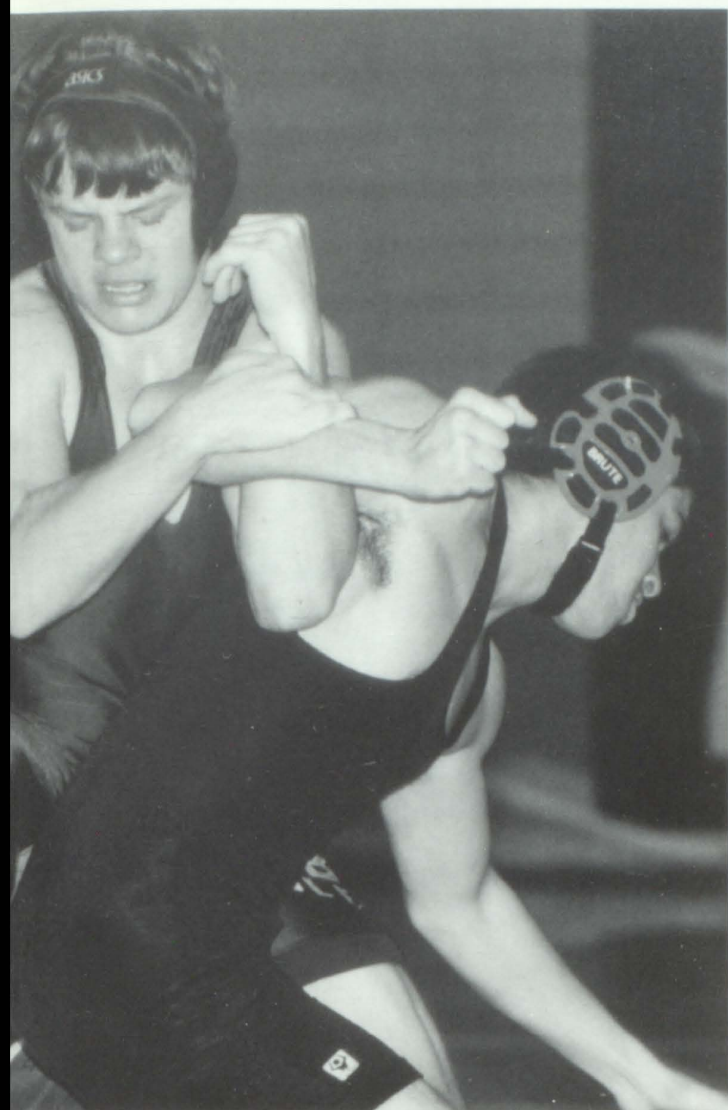
Senior Jeff Kanell prepares for a wrestling match against New Madrid County Central. "I was getting mentally prepared and trying to get a good sweat going so I could get warmed up. I always watch the matches before me to get ready, and I always try to go out and wrestle my hardest," Kanell said.



Junior Dustin Berry wrestles Corey Stephens of Dexter in the 145 lb. weight division. "I was pushing into him and leading into a pin. I cross-faced him and then pinned him. The team received six points for the pin and we won 57-24," Berry said.

Freshman Tyler Berry is declared the winner after a match against New Madrid. "I felt great after the pin. The dude was easy, but it still felt great. I hope I can wrestle more people as easy as he was, because then I'll win all the time," Berry said.





Sophomore John Payne wrestles against New Madrid County Central. "It was my second varsity match ever. I had the first take down during the first round. Unfortunately I made a stupid mistake in the second round and I got pinned. It made me really mad because I was beating him," Payne said.

## Wrestling with complicated injuries



**WHO?** -Derek Vaughn, 12

**WHEN?** -a week before districts

**WHAT?** -"I dislocated my elbow in a match against Dexter. The doctor told me that I can't wrestle again until I'm in college. I have to do certain stretches to help my elbow recuperate, and I have to ice it occasionally. I was pretty upset because I was a sure shot to go to state. I had already beat everyone in my weight class in regular season, so I wasn't expecting many problems at districts."

**WHY?** -"I am definitely going to wrestle in college. I love wrestling because of the individual pride from winning."

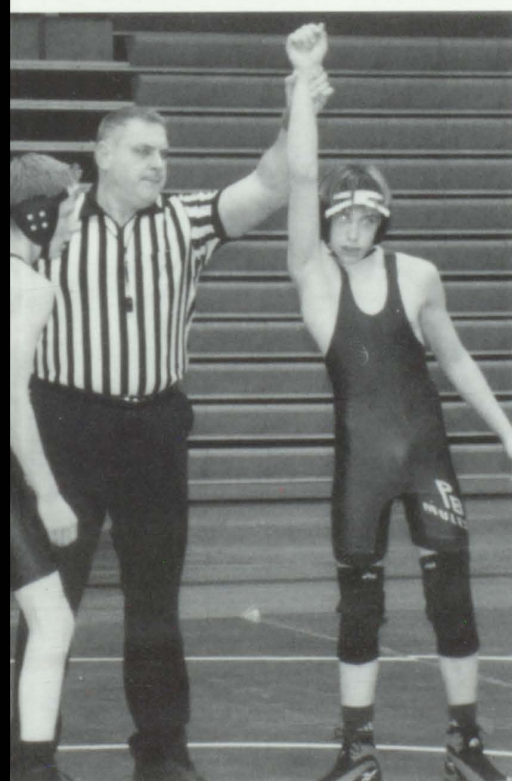
**WHO?** -John Payne, 10

**WHEN?** -this year in practice

**WHAT?** -"I got cauliflower ear from constantly being hit in the head, and having my head rubbed in the mat. The blood in my ear gets caught and can't escape, so it swells up and hurts really bad. I had to have surgery. They put a tube in my ear during the surgery to relieve the pressure and make it feel better."

**WHY?** -"I plan on continuing to wrestle throughout high school. I love wrestling and any injury couldn't keep me from doing it. It's great!"

St. Genevieve Tournament Jackson Cape Girardeau Conference Tournament Farmington DeSoto Tournament Sikeston  
3rd 18-49 14-51 5th 4-73 5th 49-18



Most Outstanding  
**Tony Cookson**

Most Dedicated  
**Jeff Kanell**

Most Improved  
**Billy Moore**

Most Inspirational  
**Derek Vaughn**  
Sam Robertson Memorial Award  
**Derek Vaughn**



'99 Wrestling Team (front row) Justin Stratton, Josh Stuart, Camdon Rampley, Matt Atteberry, Justin Foust; (second row) Coach Nelson, Rhett Nunn, Billy Moore, R.W. Harding, Daniel Larkins, Jeff Kanell, Josh Petersen, Tyler Berry, Tony Cookson, Matt Willey; (back row) Coach Wisdom, Coach Ramdial, Seth Gragg, Dustin Berry, Aaron Wheeler, John Robison, Jake McFadden, Jeff Mannon, Derek Vaughn, Justin Eastin, Aaron Collins, Coach Sievers.



# Making MEMORIES

## Off the court:

"Once, Carissa, Shanna and I were practicing our routine. We did these dishrag turns, like, six times in a row, and then I went to talk to someone and fell flat on my butt, I was so dizzy."

-Crystal Browning, 11

## On the court:

"I was so embarrassed when we did the Aaliyah dance at Three Rivers. Our music didn't start right, and then my mind went blank and I just stood there for 16 counts!"

-Tina Smith, 9

## Off the court:

"Having to move all of those tables from the cafeteria every time we want to practice is a big pain. I hated having to do it, but it was our only choice if we wanted a place to practice."

-Jenna Magruder, 9

## On the court:

"When we did the Aaliyah dance the first time, it took five minutes for the music to come on. After a while everyone finally moved out of their starting positions except for Jocelyn, she just stayed there in her pose waiting for the music."

-Carissa Selvidge, 12

## On the court:

"Right before we performed our Space Jam dance, while warming up in front of the girl's locker room, Shanna got a huge hole in her 'suntan' tights. It was really noticeable because she has really fair skin. She tried to fix it but it just got bigger. So, she ended up pulling it down her leg and tucking it under her sock."

-Jocelyn Warner, 12

## Off the court:

"Monica Brooks and I were practicing with Kristi DeWitt and Melanie Smith on some flips we had to do for the Jump, Jive, and Wail dance. Almost as if she were in slow motion, Kristi just slid off of Melanie's back and landed right on her head."

-Gennie Gieselmann, 12

Doing the "butterfly," Monica Brooks stretches out with the dance team before a performance. "I try to stretch out really well before I dance, because I don't want to pull a muscle," Brooks said. "I really love being on dance team, and I wish I wasn't graduating so that I could dance next year."



## Going to Extremes

Most Outspoken  
Gennie Gieselmann

Most Graceful  
Jocelyn Warner

Most Cheerful  
Shanna Hayes

Most Creative  
Carissa Selvidge

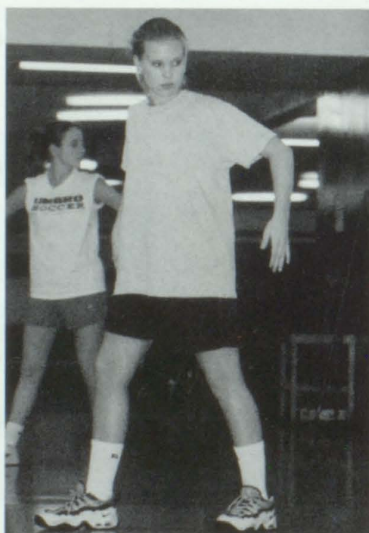
Most Talkative  
Kristi DeWitt and  
Jenna Magruder

Most Coordinated  
Melanie Smith

number of tables moved  
before practice

number of actual  
practices in the gym

number of different  
dances learned



Freshman Jenna Magruder enjoys practicing one day after school before an upcoming dance. "One thing about dance team is that we all work together. Crystal (Browning) is helping me learn this move. I really enjoy dance team this year and have a lot of fun learning the different dances and performing them at the game," Magruder said.



Sophmores B.J. Whitt and Kristi DeWitt and junior Stasha Persons carry on a conversation while stretching out before a performance. "Mrs. Petersen always tells us to stretch our muscles instead of our mouths, but it doesn't help, because we still talk all the time anyway," DeWitt said.

Senior Shanna Hayes practices her back handspring before performing the Aaliyah dance. "Dancing is a lot of fun and helps to keep me in shape. I really like the Aaliyah dance because I get to do my back handspring. Only three of us on the team can do it, so I practice it a lot," Hayes said.





Seniors Jocelyn Warner and Shanna Hayes prepare to lead the dance team out onto the court to perform their dance. "I always go through the dance in my head before I go on because I have this fear that I will get out onto the court and suddenly forget the whole routine. So I make sure to really concentrate before I go out. That helps me a lot," Warner said. "Jocelyn is always so calm and prepared before the dance; I'm just kind of off in my own little world," Hayes said.

## Dance team keeps to the beat while

# Surviving that very first dance

Senior Carissa Selvidge, the captain of the dance team, strikes a pose and waits for the music to begin. "This is my starting position for the Aaliyah dance," Selvidge said. The first time that the girls performed the dance, the crew had technical problems with the sound system. "Because it took five minutes for the music to come on, I became so lightheaded from bending over backwards that I had to sit up after only two," Selvidge added.

number of  
team members

number of practices before  
a dance is performed

average number of  
minutes each dance lasts

highest number of minutes  
music was delayed



Captain  
**Carissa  
Selvidge**

Co-captain  
**Crystal  
Browning**

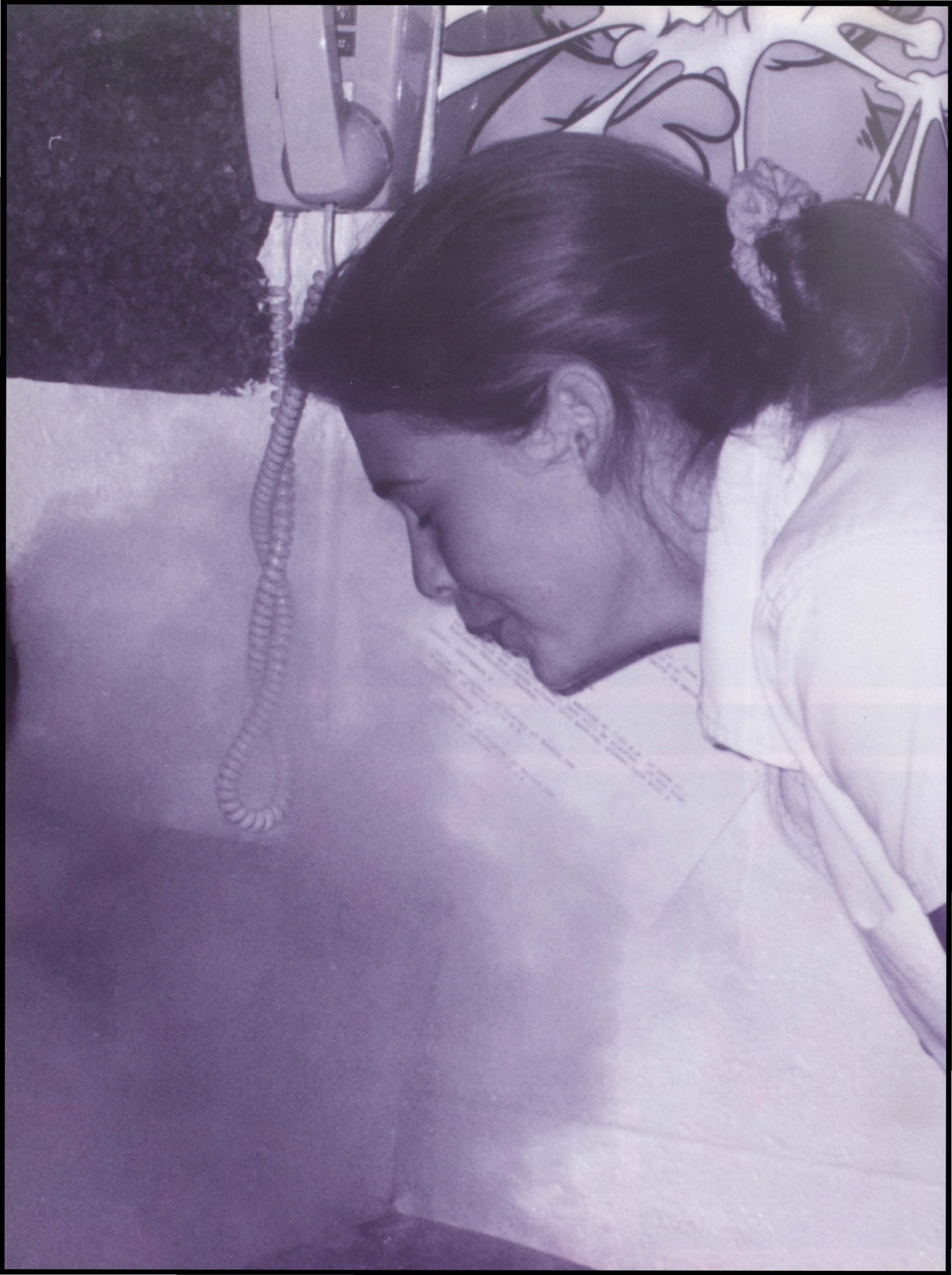
Choreographer  
**Shanna  
Hayes**

Sponsor  
**Nancy  
Petersen**

'98-'99  
**Dance**  
Team  
(front row) Crystal Browning, Carissa Selvidge, Kristi DeWitt, Christi Lansford, Shanna Hayes; (second row) Tina Smith, Jocelyn Warner, B. J. Whitt, Stasha Persons, Jenna Magruder, Angie Kiefer, Melanie Smith, Monica Brooks. Not Pictured: Gennie Gieselmann.

SPORTS







"I know if I do it just one more time, I can get it right." —anonymous

# a crash course in

## DETERMINATION

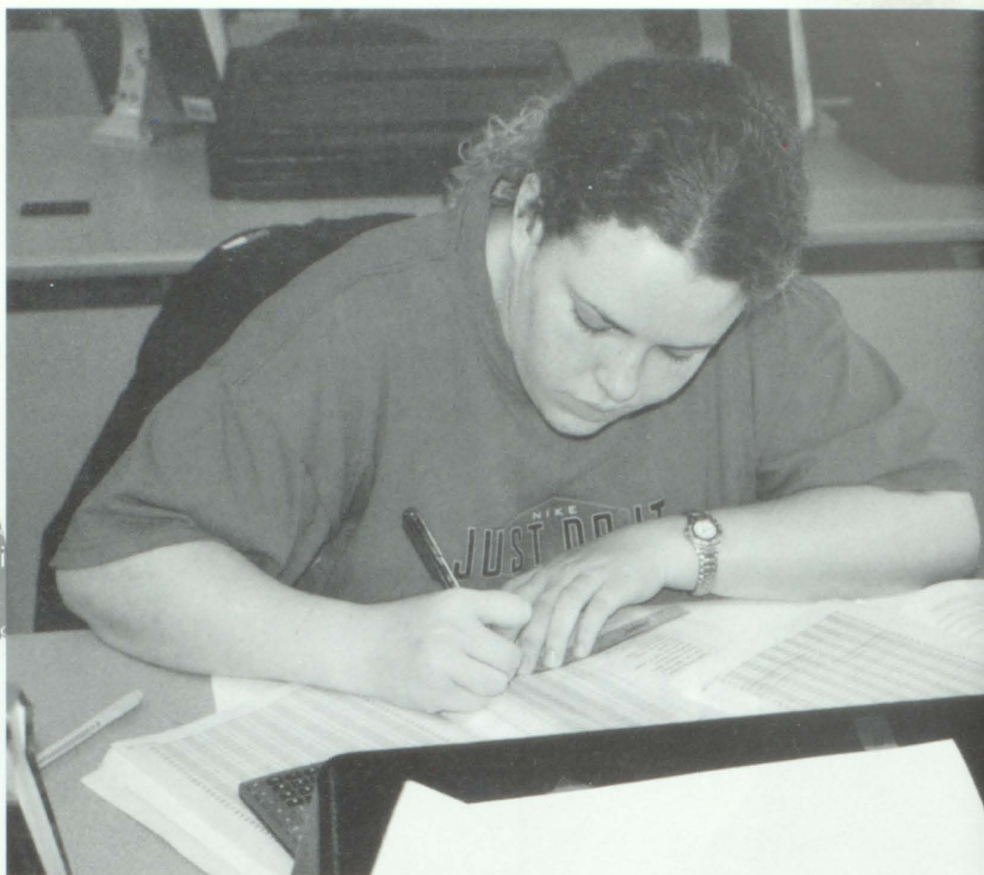
our math class seems to have tripled in difficulty this year, chemistry is absolutely overwhelming, and you can't even fill up two pages on your research paper, let alone "eight to ten." You begin to realize that you weren't thinking clearly as you carelessly filled out your four-year plan as a freshman. Too late now, though. You're way too into the quarter to start a new class. So your book bag continues to suffer - as does your back - every day as you lug your books home at night. After finally realizing that you can pass most of your classes by just paying attention in class, you decide to leave your books in your locker - right where you believe they belong.

While working on a yearbook story, sophomore Erin Duvall made a quick stop in Mrs. Cato's room, where they were opening boxes of candy. "All the boxes of candy had dry ice packaged in with it. The ice was really weird. We were blowing on it and picking it up but if you touch it, it's weird because it's so cold that it actually burns," Duvall said.

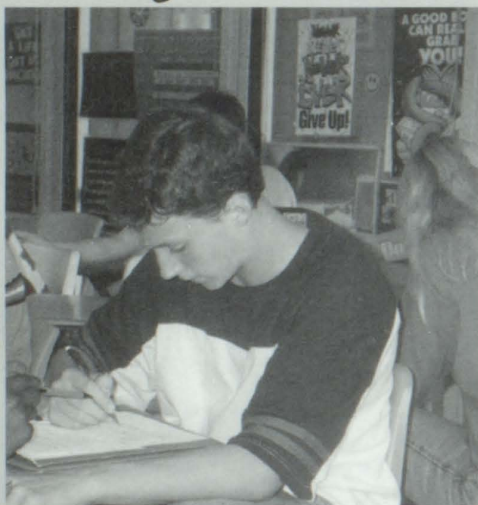




*Concentrating* on a difficult accounting problem, senior Lori Orton tries to figure out the answer. "I took Accounting II to help me with my future business career. I really want to be an accountant," Orton said. Mrs. Ormsby teaches two accounting classes to prepare her students to become accountants by practicing real life accounting problems.



## "Why did I take this class?"



"I really didn't have much of a choice about what English class I would be in because it was required for freshmen to take basic English, but I am glad I got Mrs. Brown because she is a cool teacher."  
-freshman Doug Anglim

"I signed up for the newspaper staff because I have a pretty good background in computers and I wanted to try designing layouts for the Bluffer. I can get along with Mrs. Brown's computers okay as long as they don't crash."  
-sophomore Aaron Badgley



"I took Word Processing so I could become more knowledgeable about computers. I like to take this class because I always have something to do, and also I have learned a lot of interesting things."  
-senior Angela Ballew

Larry Batchelor  
Rose Marie Batson  
Shawn Berry  
Sandy Black  
Gina Bubanovich  
Kristen Bringe







*At* a weekend workday, senior Gennie Gieselmann decides between different pictures to put on her layout. "The yearbook room is known as home away from home because of the time spent here after school and on weekends," Gieselmann said.



*During* a Christmas party for yearbook, seniors Becky McNew and Stacy Buffington look at their food. "That party was the best because of the music, decorations, and food," McNew said.

*Looking* over a paper for websites, senior Derek Vaughn decides where to go next on the internet. "I took an internet class because I wanted to learn more about the internet, plus Mrs. Davis is nice," Vaughn said.



*Junior* Jessica Roberts looks over the final copy of an issue of the Bluffer. "The newspaper is like a 'monthly yearbook.' It is a memory people can keep year-round. Though we haven't put out as many papers this year, I think the effort put forth was worth it. Especially since I've met a lot of different people while interviewing them for reasearch," Roberts said.

# Technology

For many, Upper A

building is considered a

second home. Students

spend a majority of their

time on the yearbook

and newspaper. The

journalism staff tries to

make lasting memories

for their fellow students.

Besides journalism, busi-

ness classes are major

section in upper A build-

ing. Accounting and

several computer classes

are offered. Students are

required to have one

computer class to gradu-

ate. Special Services are

the final classes offered

in upper A building. Be-

sides classes, FBIA meet-

ings are held in this

building.

## **YEARBOOK:**

Nine editors, twenty-nine staff members, and one teacher put together the 336 page yearbook. With dedication and hardwork, this year's yearbook was nominated for many different awards.

## **ACCOUNTING:**

The accounting class prepares students to be accountants. Accountants are involved with financial decisions of cooperations. An average accountant makes \$30,000-\$40,000 per year.

## **SPECIAL SERVICES:**

This combination of classes teach students basic living skills. Students wash a load of laundry every day including the volleyball t-shirts. They also get paid for doing custodial jobs.



Jim Brown  
Cheri Cato  
Evelyn Casinger  
Sheena Carver  
Bill Caputo  
Andy Crist



# Acting out

Lower A building is home to the history department, with one lone exception- speech and drama. Like English, history is a required subject, so the classes are frequently large. Two popular electives offered are sociology and psychology. Contemporary Issues is a popular elective among juniors and seniors. Students like keeping up with current events and discussing them in class. Another plus is that there is no textbook! Speech and drama students received good news this year when Mrs. Kay Porter donated \$1 million dollars to build a theatre complex for the school.

**ONE:** One history teacher retires this year, after teaching for some 30 years. Mr. Bill Ladd, honors civics, psychology and sociology teacher, leaves teaching to pursue his loves of gardening and traveling.

**POPULAR:** Certain classes are more popular with students than others- psychology, sociology, and contemporary issues are always full. Being the first year that Criminal Justice has been offered, a course that examines law enforcement, it has been surprisingly successful.

**MILLION:** Drama teacher Jo Nell Seifert said she feels like she hit the jackpot this year, when a local businesswoman announced a gift of \$1 million to build a theatre on school grounds. The theatre should be completed by the fall of 2000.

**Juniors** James Gieselmann and Chris Richardson give Mr. Slayton a goat for his Christmas present during second hour American history.



**During** drama, sophomore Trameka Anderson and junior Jessica Dunnaway play "What are you doing?" "I told Trameka that her shirt was too short," Dunnaway said.



**Junior** Trey Gilmore and sophomore Grant Gambling propose to junior Amber Kneir. "My favorite game in drama is 'What are you doing?'" Kneir said.



**Working** hard, sophomores Valarie Ash and John Griffith color and grade each other on the neatness of their Europe maps. At the beginning of each unit Ms. Holland has her class make both political and physical maps of the continent they are studying. "We both want to travel a lot and learn more about the places we are studying," Ash said.

Kirk Chronister  
Janet Cochran  
Barry Cody  
Katie Cody  
Christine Collins  
Sue Cooper





# "Why did I take this class?"

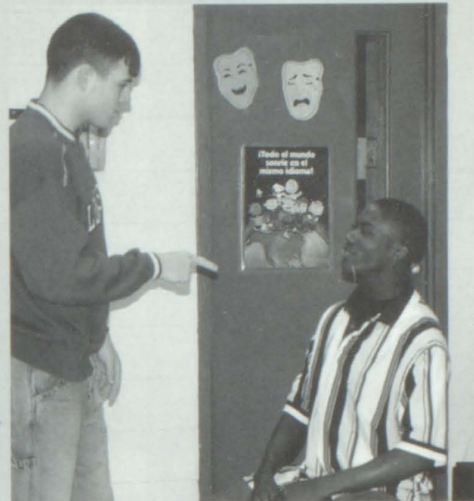


"I decided to take Criminal Justice so I didn't have to go to the Vocational school. I also took this class to better educate myself about the world."

-junior Michael Agee

"I chose to take Criminal Justice to better understand my rights as a citizen and to learn more about our legal justice system, in hopes of one day becoming a lawyer."

-senior Jay Clark



"I had to take Drama because I had to have a fine art before I can graduate, but I also like to make people laugh by acting like an idiot. I would really like to pursue a career in acting, too."

-junior Jason Montgomery



*Senior* Sarah Macey studies in an unusual manner during her first hour Sociology class. "My stuffed cat always helps me in Sociology and all my other classes, and that is why I always get good grades," Macey said.



Darlene Davis  
Trish Dodd  
Laura Dowd  
Janet Duckett  
Len Dyer  
Tina Ethridge

*seniors*



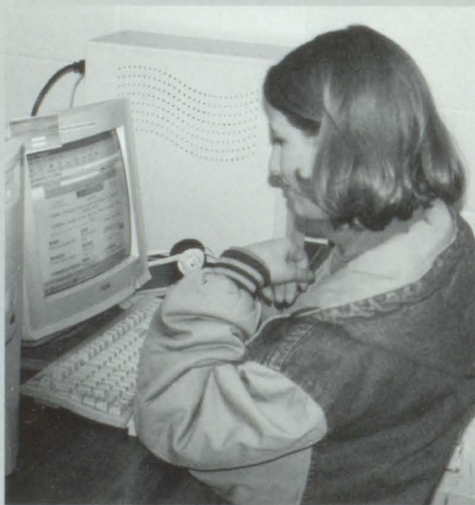
A black and white photograph of a woman in a dark sweater with horizontal stripes, focused on sculpting a large, textured object on a table. She is using a tool to shape the material, which appears to be clay or plaster. In the background, another person is visible working at a desk in a well-lit room with large windows.

"Why did I take this class?"



-senior Nicole Wooten

-senior Amanda Holmes



-sophomore Ashley Hobbs

A black and white portrait of a woman with short, dark, curly hair. She is wearing a light-colored, possibly white, collared shirt or jacket. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is dark and out of focus.





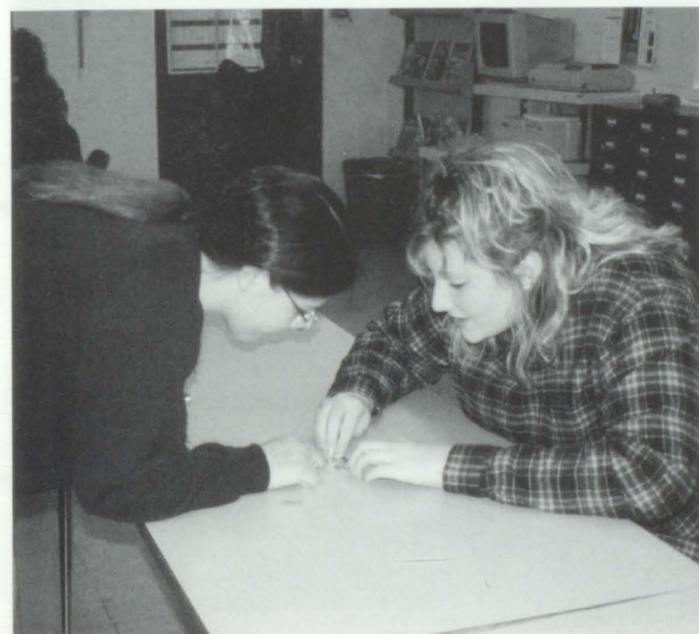
*Delivering* mail to teacher's boxes is one of junior Jessica Gauthier's duties as a counseling center aide. "Someday, I hope to find a job that gives me as much freedom as working in the counseling center does," Gauthier said.



*Looking* through a microscope, junior Erin Gavin watches yeast cells divide. "Genetics class is interesting because we get to participate in a lot of hands on projects," Gavin said.



*Free* time allows juniors Merinda Bradley and Kandin Hicks to enjoy an exciting game of Scrabble in Coach Cunningham's Applied Math Class.



*MCE* students, seniors Tabitha Ivy and Marie Taylor, examine the new coin currency. "The great thing about MCE is the fact that you get to try your hand at marketing and advertising without pursuing a career," Ivy said.

# Diversity

Through the halls of upper B building an array of activities occur on a daily basis. Upper B is not only the home of the office, attendance and counseling centers,

**HOME:** If any one building could be considered home base, it would probably be upper B building. The attendance center, office, and counseling center all play a huge role in daily school occurrences.

but also English, math, science, art, MCE, and

the computer lab. The computer lab is probably the most used room in B building. It houses many computers to

**ROOM:** Due to lack of room, a few random classes are in upper B. A bond issue that passed this fall allows a new building to be constructed with math classrooms, home ec., and a new publications lab.

which all students have access. For many students, Upper B building is thought of as a piece of art. Many times art students can be found in the hallways sketching the interior or exterior of the building.

**PIECE:** Students hungry for a piece of candy can always find some being sold in the MCE room. MCE holds candy sales throughout the year to raise money for many activities.



Jesse Gray  
Garfield Harris  
Jim Hawkins  
Debbie Hellums  
Mark Henson  
Dean Huster



# Interpreting

You could call it the Hall

of the Foreign League or  
the Ambassadors Trail.

From English to German,  
B building has the lan-  
guage and **culture** of

the world covered. Stu-  
dents get a taste of what

it might be like to live in  
**multiple** societies, and  
they always get to try the  
food. Sure, literature is  
not most people's cup of

tea, but someone has to  
write the scripts for the  
movies that everybody  
loves. Who knows,  
maybe someday your  
name will be up there  
with Irving, Dickinson,  
or **Poe**, and this will be  
the place that inspired  
you.

**CULTURE:** The word used to describe what the teachers hope their pupils learn and what the students strive to gain for the betterment of themselves and the school as a whole.

**MULTIPLE:** the term used to describe the amount of shoes in the middle of Mrs. Hogg's classroom floor and the amount of classifications and categories that they could be separated into.

**POE:** The name of the author of several stories and poems read in Mrs. Batson's LA-II honors class that are discussed scrutinized, and criticised by members of this honors course.

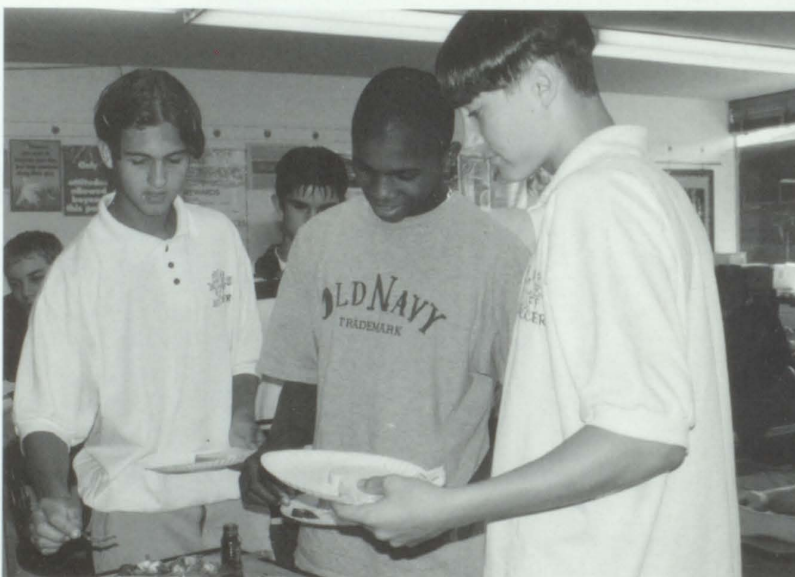
*Senior* Richard Russell uses his imagination in Mr. Lewis' English class during an Adaptation Artistry activity. "We were doing projects to depict one of the characters from a literature story," Russell said.



*Mrs. Batson's* students are gauranteed they will study Julius Caesar. "To make it easier to understand, she has the students in the class act out the play," freshman Mimi Kingery said.



*Seniors* Justin Duckett, Eric Duncan, and Mike Burcham rummage through a heap of frou-frou in Mrs. Worley's class.



*Sophomores* Adam Rivers and Jared Roehrs enjoy eating hot peppers in Mrs. Batson's class. "It related to a story we read in our literature book, but it was also funny because we got to eat and didn't have to do homework," Rivers said.

Judy Hockersmith  
Elissa Hogg  
Carmen Hoggard  
Jennie Holland  
Jerry Hosmer  
Betty Hughes





"Why did I take this class?"



"I took my Arts and the Ages class because I was hoping to learn background for the things that I will need to know in college."  
-senior Sarah Macey

"English is a required class to graduate so I'm glad I've got Mrs. Batson because she has us do a lot of fun and neat activities."  
-sophomore Erin English



"I took Spanish because it seemed like a really interesting class and something I could use in my future. It also is a requirement for many colleges."  
-senior Casey Garb

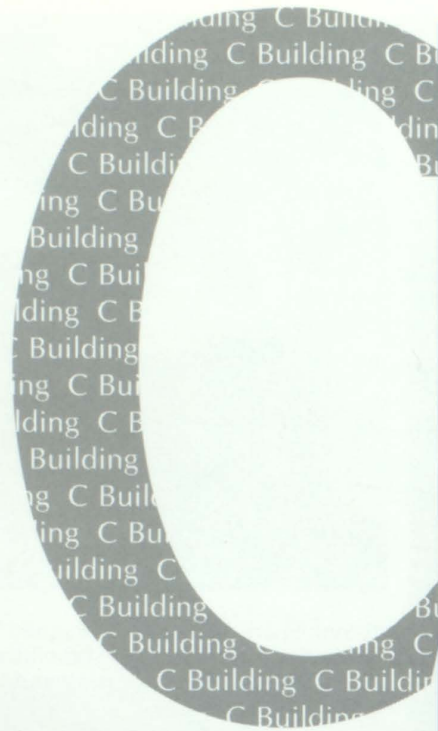


*Sophomores* Lindsay Burcham and Stan Reville characterize shoes according to the subtle differences of each in order to learn the differences that are the hallmark of an individual.



Katie Jarboe  
Evelyn Jones  
Gail Karlish  
Thelma King  
Gail Knapp  
Ann Kneibert





*Student* teacher Mrs. Saffie, senior Stacey Berry, Mrs. Petersen, and senior Stewart Nunn identify the different parts of the cow heart. "It was one of the neatest things I have ever dissected. Dissecting a cow heart was a lot better than the frog," senior Stewart Nunn said.

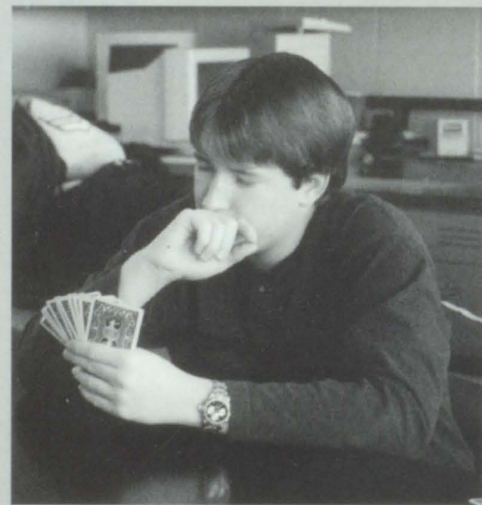
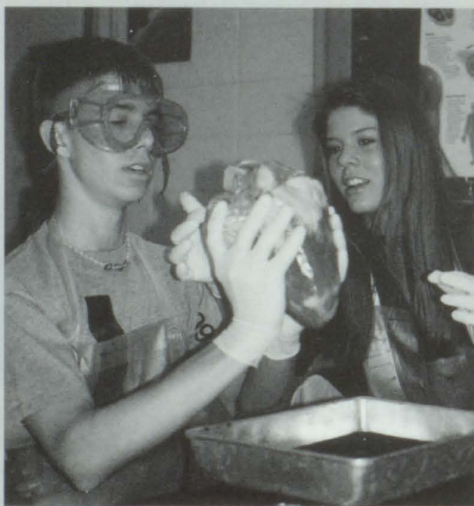


## "Why did I take this class?"



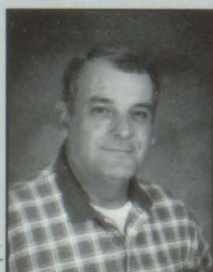
"In Contemporary Living I made a floor plan of a bedroom. Our class went to Hefner's and they showed us how to coordinate different materials in our room. I liked it because it allowed me to design my own room."  
-senior Andrea Vaughn

"I really enjoy taking science classes like the dual credit TRCC Biology because I get to know how things in the body work. Plus, I will need to take lots of science classes to become a physical therapist."  
-senior Katie Crayton

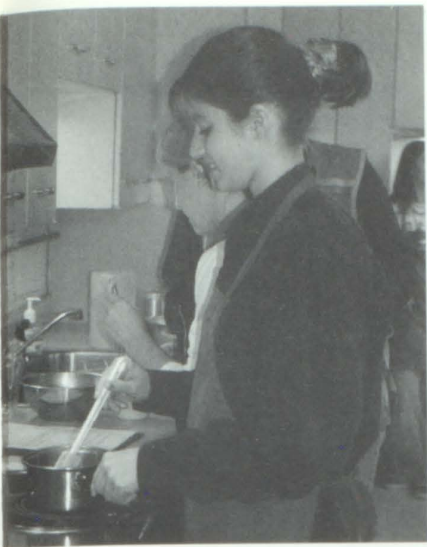


"During my lunch hour I come to Mr. Reeves class. I mainly take his class for the challenge of the problems, but there is always the task of beating Mr. Reeves in a game of hearts."  
-senior Paul Tiffany

Bill Ladd  
Kim Lawson  
Gary Lewis  
Pat Lindman  
Nancy Locker  
Terry Loyd







**Freshman** Rachel Colclasure follows the recipe in her Home Economics I class. "This class teaches me how to take care of myself when I get older. I feel like I'm at home in here," Colclasure said.



**Freshman** Josh Love dissects an earthworm in Mr. Rickman's Zoology class. After completing Bio-Gate, freshmen have the choice of taking Zoology, Botany, or Microbiology.



**Mr. Reeves** helps senior Corey Emerson cut wood pieces for his Physics bridge-building project. "Mr. Reeves is a good teacher who makes his classes fun," Emerson said.



**Being** careful, freshmen Christina Torres and Celia Lamar follow their instructions for their Home Economics cooking project. "Everybody likes cooking because they get to eat what they cook, and we cook junk food like cookies, cakes, and pies. My favorite part of Home Ec is designing houses," Torres said.

# Experimenting

Home to courses in Biology, Home Economics, Chemistry, Algebra, Calculus, and Physics, C Building has plenty of variety. Home Economics helps students **cook** and

**COOK:** Students in the World Food Highlights class taught by Mrs. McManus pick from a list of 10 different countries and cook a meal from that particular country.

learn basic living skills.

Computer skills are enforced in Mr. Reeves

classes, with a slight emphasis on fun. **Quake** is

the computer game that students play the most. All

is not fun and games, however.

Students in biology

brave the sight of animal

parts while **dissecting** a

wide variety of organisms

during the year. Whether

experimenting with food or

chemicals, students have

many choices.

**QUAKE:** The computer network game that calculus and physics students participate in during their free time. Up to 20 students can play Quake at one time and they divide into two teams. The object is to get the other team's flag.

**DISSECTING:** Students in TRCC Biology taught by Mrs. Petersen dissected many species. Students saw firsthand the interior workings of a cow heart, earthworm, clam, crayfish, perch (fish), frog, and fetal pig.



Eralene Lynn  
Cheryl Macke  
Ken Marler  
Letty McDowell  
Cathy McManus  
Mike Melson



# Echoing

Sounds of bouncing balls, chimes of instruments, and the harmony of voices are heard through D Building. The gym is home to assemblies, musical discoveries and athletic practices. It holds the proud

history and intense memories of past and present PBHS individual awards and team accomplishments. The gym is the site of victories and

losses in competitions.

D Building is the practicing place for our award-winning band and nationally-known choir. Echos of the faded past and unattainable fu-

ture remain forever.

**MUSICAL:** Band and choir members keep busy year-round by singing and playing at concerts and contests. They even attended the Mules football district playoff game in Kirkwood, three hours away.

**HISTORY:** After a concession stand fire in March 1998, the gym lobby was rebuilt and refurnished with new trophy cases. The fire caused a change in prom, since the lobby was not able to be used for photos as it had in the past.

**WINNING:** When the ShoMe band competed in a contest at Lafayette, they returned home with a first place win for the first time since 1991, along with Best Music, Best Marching, and Best Percussion awards.

A wood carving of a giraffe catches the eye of freshman Shannon Huett as she admires the African exhibit in D building. History classes took turns visiting the display for Black History month.



**Pep** Band members perform in the gym during a Lady Mules basketball game. "I have fun in band. It is an easy way to make people happy," junior David Sorrel said.



**During** a long day of club pictures, members of JROTC stand at attention. "I was getting really tired and my knees hurt from standing so long," freshman Dustin Ramsey said.



**Brilliantly**-colored woven rugs are just some of the many items which Mr. Ladd's fifth hour honors civics class admires as they browse through the Black History exhibit. Mr. Ladd and freshman Ben Haas study a patterned rug. "The rug was really neat, but there were also some really cool wood burnings and wood sculptures. I liked them the best," Haas said.

Sandy Meyr  
Janna Murray  
Cal Nations  
Randy Osowski  
Ron Patterson  
Nancy Petersen





"Why did I take this class?"

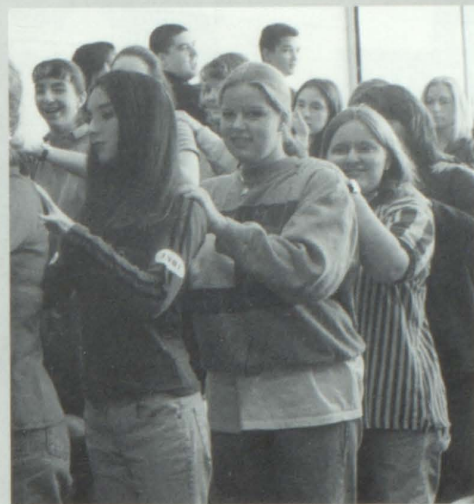


"Music is my life. I eat, sleep, and breathe it. I want to do something in music for the rest of my life. I think we have a really great program at this school, it feeds my passion and my love for music."

-senior Corey Emerson

"I took P.E. because I'm a freshman and I have to. I like it because Coach Cody lets us play softball. I'm probably going to take P.E. next year so I can be physically fit for softball."

-freshman Ashley Young

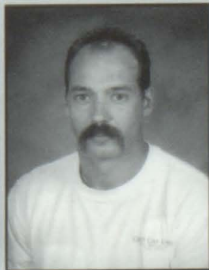
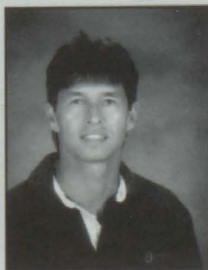


"I really enjoy choir because I like singing. I am definitely going to take choir next year because I have lots of friends in the class, and I have lots of fun on the trips. Also, I get a free massage every day to help me relax."

-sophomore Jill Pogue



**Seniors** Mike Doran and Leah North and junior Margaret Orlando tally freshman votes for the mock election. "I was being kept pretty busy going over freshman names to see who had voted. I was also glad to get out of class so I wouldn't have to listen to Mr. Henson's philosophy on life again," Doran said.



Terry Pierce  
Ron Pratt  
Billy Pyland  
Steve Ray  
Charles Rickman  
Bill Reeves



"Why did I take this class?"



A black and white photograph of two young men standing outdoors. The man on the right is holding a long, dark rifle vertically. Both men are wearing jackets and looking towards the camera.



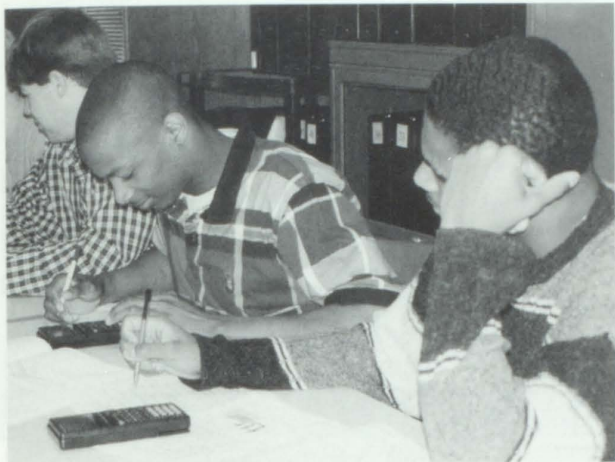




**Junior** Danny Pruett watches senior Darrell Dugger as he helps sophomore Carrie Champ rappel down the side of a building in Bacon Park. "I liked rappelling, but my favorite thing is marksmanship, because it's really competitive and fun," Champ said. This was only a practice session for the cadets before they went to Lake Wappapello, where they rappelled down a drop of more than 40 feet.



**During** Mrs. Young's second hour Geometry Applications class, sophomore Jessica Starks, junior Lybby Dennis and senior Donica Alfonso discuss a math problem.



**Seniors** Drew Kingery, Garland Martin and Alfred Rivers work on their math worksheets in Geometry Applications. We didn't have a clue," Martin said.



**In** Mr. Melson's second hour wood-working class, freshmen Ryan Maddox and Travis Robertson work on their projects. "I was nailing some plugs into my gun rack and helping (freshman) Austin Arms with his project," Robertson said.

# Going Beyond

Many students never even figure out where E, F and G buildings are unless they're involved in JROTC or shop classes. Even though these buildings are on the far side of campus, the students there are

**INVOLVED:** JROTC students are among the most involved on campus. Students go for long hikes and rappel at Bacon Park. They also practice survival techniques like learning to read maps to survive in the wilderness.

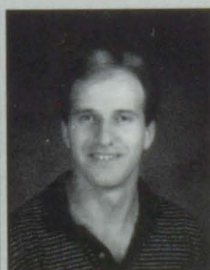
among the most productive. In general shop, woodwork and metal work, students design and build many practical items. In JROTC, stu-

**WOODWORK:** Wood and metal shop students end up not just with a grade but also with deer stands, gun racks, jewelry boxes, 4-poster beds, entertainment centers and barbeque grills. Student pay for the materials, build the items in class and then take them home to use.

dents are busy learning proper military techniques as they drill and march and shoot. EFG buildings also serve as a handy tardy excuse-

**SHOOT:** Marksmanship teams from JROTC spend many hours perfecting their shooting techniques and aim. Students compete with other schools.

"I had to come all the way from E building!"



Delisa Sitze  
Tim Slayton  
Louis Smith  
Dennis Smothers  
Susan Stewart  
Jill Styles



# Experiencing

Many students from PBHS go out to the Technical Career Center to take classes of interest. While there, students can study a wide variety of hands-on career classes, including air conditioning, building trades, and electronics. The Graphic Arts classes put the Bluffer together, Food Services give students a chance to work in the MULES CAFE, Health Services lets them go to a local hospital or to a clinic and work; and the Auto Body classes repair damaged vehicles. TCC students are able to get a headstart on their future careers.

**INTEREST:** The goals of TCC are to provide classes that students will enjoy and take interest in. When students are engaged in hands-on activities, they are more likely to be actively involved in learning.

**GRAPHIC ARTS:** This class does everything from printing the monthly Bluffer to printing purchase orders for the entire school district. The class also prints notepads and other paper goods for the elementary schools.

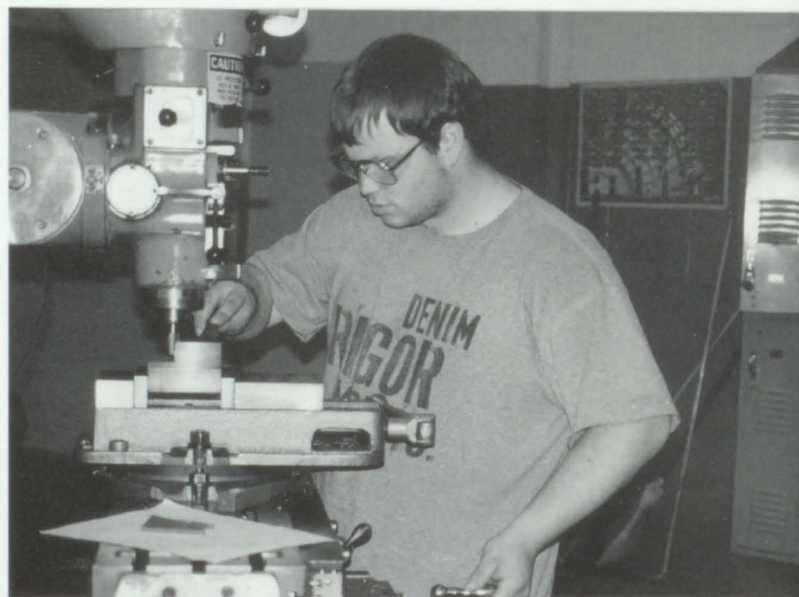
**LOCAL:** Students who finish classes at TCC have a better-than-average chance at getting jobs locally after graduation. They gain valuable experience by working with local business people as they learn their trades.

**Junior** Hardy White carefully mixes the paint. "My favorite part is working on the cars. It's a lot better than staying at school," White said.

**Getting** some hands-on experience, senior Billy Kingery tests a window unit to make sure that it is working properly.



**In** the Auto body class offered at TCC, senior Tim Allen begins painting a car that was brought in for the students to work on. This provides an actual hands-on experience. "This is a really fun class that I really enjoy a lot. My favorite part of the class is painting the cars. I have painted approximately six different vehicles this year," said Allen.



**Hard** at work, sophomore Ryan West works in a Machine Precision class. "It is a very interesting class that I really enjoy. The only thing that you have to remember is to be very careful because it is a class that can be dangerous. Somebody could get hurt in it if you aren't paying attention to what you are doing," West said.

Cindy Tanner  
Neil Terhune  
Jim Thomas  
Scott Tomlison  
Sheldon Tyler  
Laurie Warren





"Why did I take this class?"

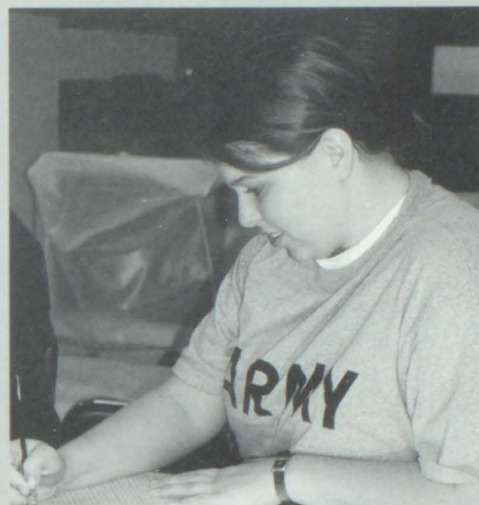
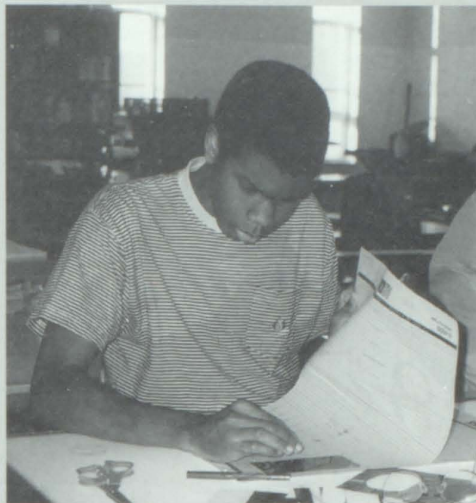


"I took Graphic Arts because it is a great experience and I knew that I would learn a lot. It is a good career choice, and it looked like a lot of fun."

-junior Crystal Bostic

"I decided to take Graphic Arts because it will be a real good experience and it will help me prepare for what I want to do in life, which is to be a graphics designer."

-junior Pierre Bounds



"I took this class because it looked interesting and fun and gives me a break from high school. My favorite part is the light table and image assembly."

-senior Meranda Raymond



*Senior* Edwin Edwards and junior Dustin Dare work on an engine in their Auto Body Repair class. "In this class we learn to put together engines, find any problems, and then fix them," said Dare. "This may be something I'd like to do as a career, so I wanted to learn more about it," said Edwards.



Karen Winberry  
Terry Wood  
Vickie Woolverton  
Jane Worley  
Sally Yarbrow  
Tom Yeakley



# Bluff Queen *Kristen Hall*

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LAURA JANE BUSBY

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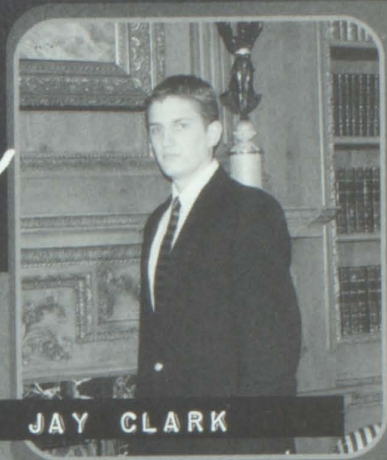


EMILY WYATT



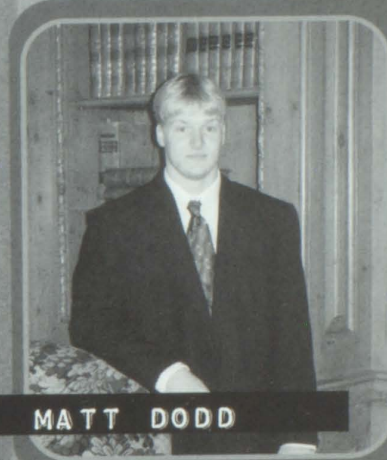


# Bluff King *Corey Hamilton*



JAY CLARK

Court Member



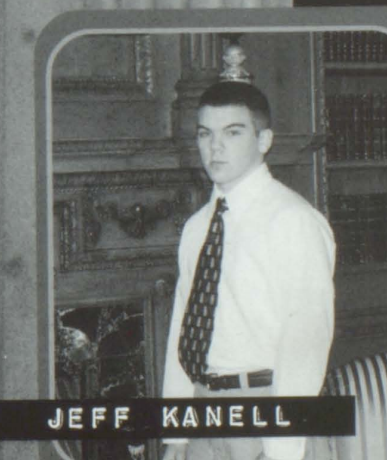
MATT DODD

Court Member



JAKE GRIFFITH

Court Member



JEFF KANELL

Court Member






Hey Freshmen

Isn't it

Your NAP TIME?





"I want to find out who I am and give up letting everyone else define me." -Judith

# a crash course in VARIATION

After finding a seat in your class section at the assembly you scan the area and note all of the familiar faces seated around you. People are jumping up and down, talking, laughing and engaging in their everyday, entirely-too-predictable activities. You shake your head and smile as you think about how sometimes you're embarrassed to even be seen with them. But you know how much you actually love them all. Deep down you really hope that your class wins the Class Wars and you know how much fun it will be to come back to class reunions. But for now you just sit there shaking your head, laughing at the strange guy in your class that screams continuously during assemblies.

Class Wars- the contest between classes to see which class can show (and yell) the most school spirit. Traditionally, the seniors have good-naturedly picked on the freshmen. When the freshmen respond, as they did this year, the seniors are forced to make comeback retorts, such as this sign reminding freshmen of their distinct age disadvantage in dealing one-on-one with seniors. "The sign was a humorous attempt to get the young freshman involved in the assembly," said senior Kellie Opalewski.



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Senior Amy Hendricks listens to junior class president Rajeran George make one of his announcements during lunch. "Everytime Rajeran gets up to the microphone I laugh because I know what he is going to say is retarded," Hendricks said.



Senior Patrick Price fills out a college form at the annual college fair held for juniors and seniors. "I'm probably going to SEMO and they had a representative there who gave me a lot of information. At SEMO I want to major in Criminal Justice. The representative said they had a good criminology program," Price said.



Senior Lee Ann Smith displays school spirit by painting her face maroon and white on the Friday of Homecoming. "I like Spirit Week because it's pretty fun. I like dressing up because I have a lot of school spirit," Smith said. "I seem to get a lot of response when I go all out. I have won the Maroon and White Day Contest twice in a row."



Seniors Amanda Hillis, Kellie Opalewski, Rachel Cooper and Gennie Gieselmann applaud as Tenisha Britton is announced as the homecoming queen at the homecoming football game. "Even though it was raining that night, and not many people showed up to the game, we came and supported our friends on the court," Cooper said. "We had a great time and the Mules won the game. And to top it all off, we had the biggest attendance ever at a dance, and everybody was really pumped."

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The senior class officers are: Secretary Rachel Keeling, President Becca Warner, Treasurer Stacy Buffington, and Vice-President Gennie Gieselmann. Out of all of the senior class officers, Keeling was the only incumbent to win. "After being an officer my junior year, everyone was familiar with me. I wasn't nervous about running again. I thought I had a good chance," Keeling said. "I like the idea of being a class officer for the rest of my life and I'm really looking forward to getting everybody together for the reunions in five or ten years. I really can't wait to be there to see everyone and how they have changed."





**Emily Wyatt**

Varsity Basketball  
Nike President  
National Honor Society  
Cross Country  
Student Council

### Who do you admire?

"My parents are who I have the most admiration for. Without their guidance and support I do not feel I would have accomplished all the goals I have set for myself. They taught me to be respectful, responsible, compassionate, committed, and dedicated."

### What have you spent a majority of your time doing in high school?

"The majority of my time in high school has been spent focusing on how to best prepare myself for college and maintaining an above-average GPA. I have worked closely with counselors to ensure my acceptance into the University of Missouri-Columbia."

### When was your favorite year?

"My junior year was my most favorite. I had a great schedule of classes with all my friends, helped plan and work on prom, and it was my best year for basketball and cross country."

### Where is your favorite place to go?

"My favorite weekend get-away is my family's cabin on Current River. We spend a lot of time on the gravel bar with friends cooking, playing horseshoes, and visiting."

### Why have you pushed yourself to make good grades?

"My sophomore year I decided on Veterinarian Medicine as my career goal and the University of Missouri-Columbia because of their excellent veterinarian program."

### How have you seen yourself change throughout high school?

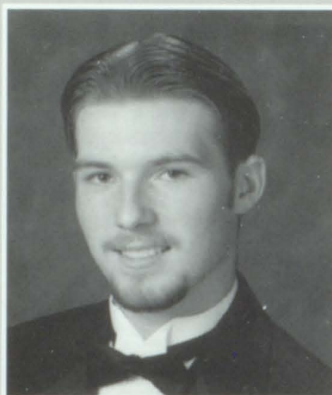
"Throughout high school I have become more self-motivated and learned to become more independent."



Tamera Adams



Kerrie Alexander



Tim Allen



Kacia Armes



Ben Barbour



Nicholas Barrett



Stacey Berry



Amanda Bess



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Nathan Alexander



Donica Alfonso



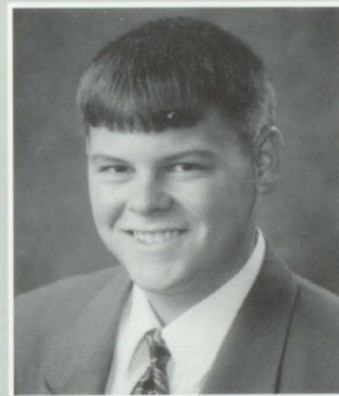
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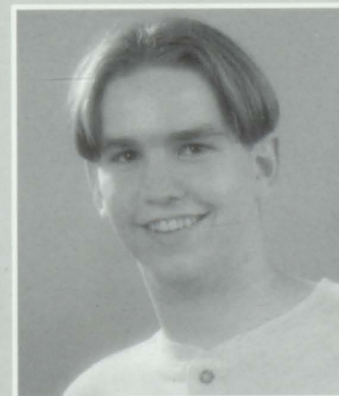
Drew Benson



Josh Benton



Jessica Bess



Brian Bieller

**Who do you admire the most?**

"I really admire my parents because they never give up and they never let a bad situation get the best of them."

**What have you learned in high school?**

"I have spent a majority of my time in high school trying to balance my time. I have learned I can't do it all, and I can't please everybody. But if I try my best, then I have done all I can."

**When was your favorite year?**

"My favorite year of high school was definitely my junior year. I was involved in a lot of activities, and I was always having fun with my friends. I didn't have a whole lot to worry and stress about, like getting into college. I just had a really good time."

**Where have you lived in your life?**

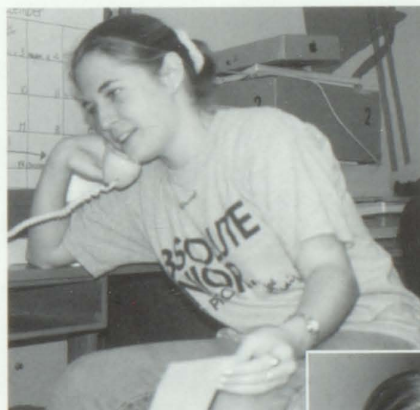
"My dad was in the Air Force, so we moved a lot. I was born in Chicago, but I have also lived in Anchorage, Alaska; Los Angeles, California; Las Vegas, Nevada; Columbus, Ohio; Columbia, Missouri; and now Poplar Bluff."

**Why do you think it is important for someone to work hard in high school?**

"Doing well in high school teaches you all the life skills you will need in college and for the rest of your life. It is also necessary to get into a good college."

**How have you made a difference?**

"I have tried to assume some leadership, responsibility, and leave my mark by getting involved. I've always tried to be friendly and approachable to everyone that I meet, and I hope that I've been there for my friends."



**Becca Warner**

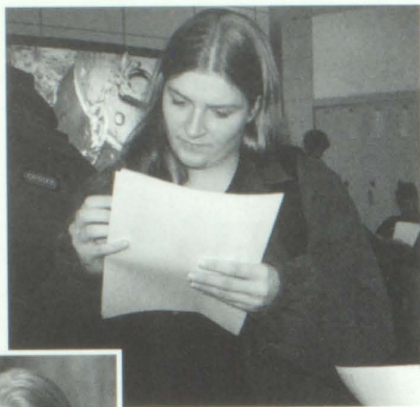
Senior Class President  
Soccer  
Yearbook Design Editor  
Cross Country  
Key Club Treasurer



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**Leslie  
Talkington**

Beta Club President  
FBLA President  
Bowling League Secretary  
National Honor Society  
Student Council

**Who do you admire the most?**

"My parents, because they started out with nothing in life and have worked very hard to make something of themselves. In my eyes they have truly succeeded."

**What is the accomplishment of which you are most proud?**

"My greatest accomplishment is remaining first in my class thus far. The last four years have been hard work, but I am proud of myself for hanging in there."

**When was your most memorable moment in high school?**

"When my freshman English teacher had a bee fly down her shirt while lecturing. She quickly realized it and went running and stomping out in the hall to untuck her shirt."

**Where do you see yourself in ten years?**

"In ten years I see myself married and working as a CPA and Corporate Lawyer at a firm I will one day own."

**Why have you pushed yourself to make good grades?**

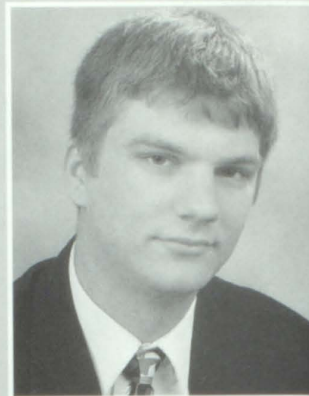
"I always set high goals for myself. My goal throughout high school was to graduate valedictorian. This position requires good grades and, therefore, I pushed myself to study."

**How did you get where you are today?**

"I got where I am today because of all the support I have received from my family and friends. My family always encourages me to work towards anything I want, and my friends support me in everything I do."



Becca Bishop



Russell Black



Jennifer Brocato



Monica Brooks



Amber Burkett



Nathaniel Burnett



Carla Champ



Angela Christian



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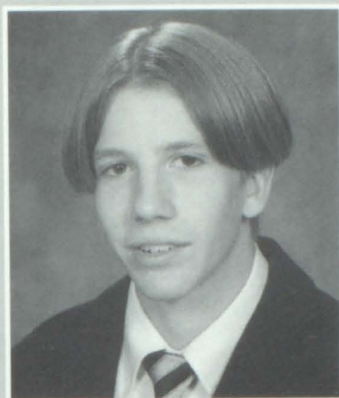
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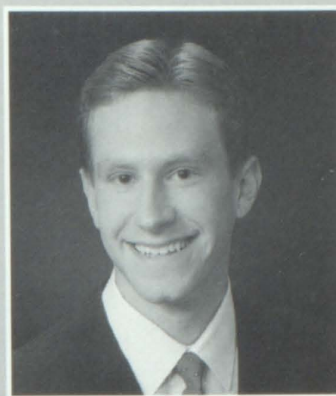
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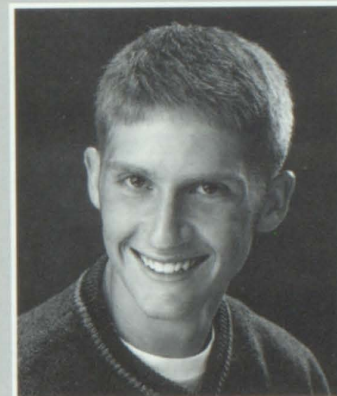
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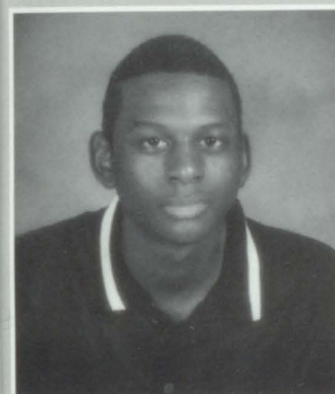
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Stacy Buffington



Michael Burcham



Robbie Burnett



Laura Jane Busby



Aimee Casey



Rob Cassie



Jay Clark



Brooke Clarkson



Cinda Cochran



Angela Compton

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**Chris Reeves**

Varsity Basketball  
Varsity Baseball  
Catholic Youth Council  
National Honor Society  
Cross Country

## Who?

**Who has inspired you?**

"I have been inspired over the years by my family. Both my parents and my older sisters are very intelligent. They have pushed me to live up to their standard."

## What?

**What have you spent your time on?**

"Throughout high school I've spent most of my time participating in numerous sports. These activities have instilled upon me the qualities of sportsmanship and teamwork."

## When?

**When was your favorite year?**

"My favorite year was my junior year. I had gotten through the first two years and was having more fun. Also, I didn't have the pressure of preparing for college."

## Where?

**Where is your favorite place to go?**

"My favorite places to go on vacation are the ski slopes in Colorado. Early in the morning when there aren't many other people on the mountain there is a great sense of tranquility and majesty."

## Why?

**Why do you think it is important for someone to work hard in high school?**

"It is extremely important that you work hard in high school. High school is directly proportional to the rest of your life and teaches you the knowledge necessary to succeed. If you blow off high school, you blow off your future."

## How?

**How have you seen yourself change throughout high school?**

"One of the greatest changes I have gone through during high school is how I have matured in my knowledge. When I was younger, I used to think I was the smartest person and that I was always right. Well... maybe I haven't changed."



Rachel Cooper



Nick Costin



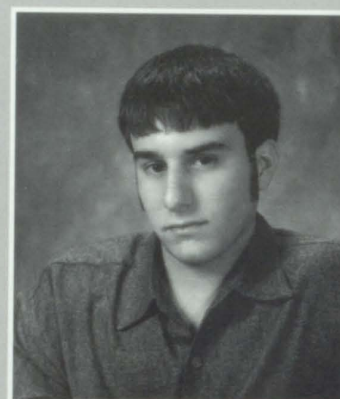
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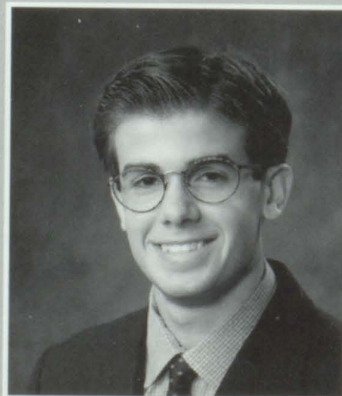
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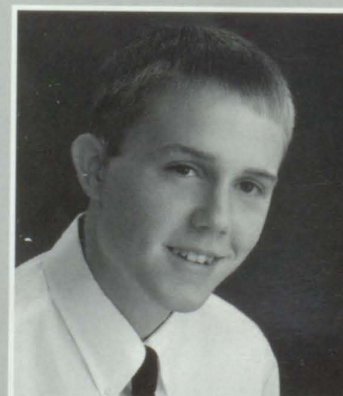
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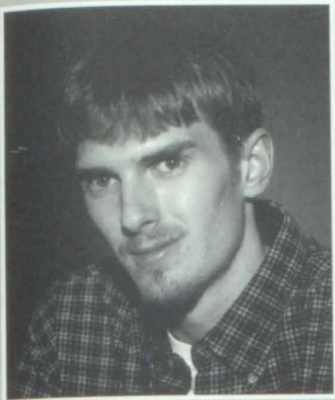


Justin Duckett



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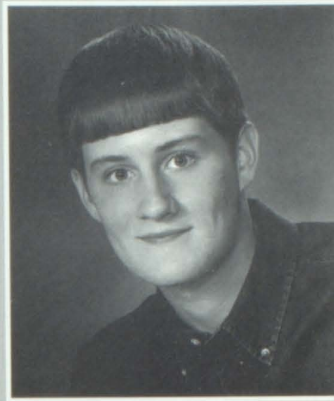
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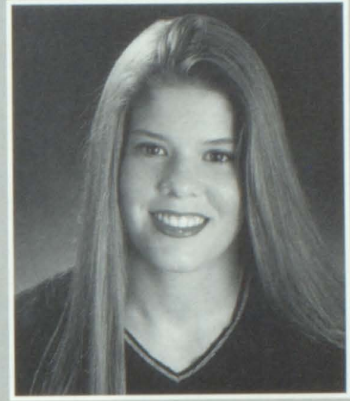
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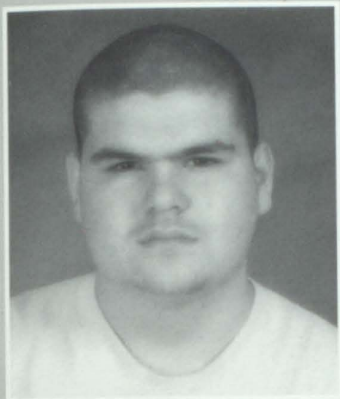
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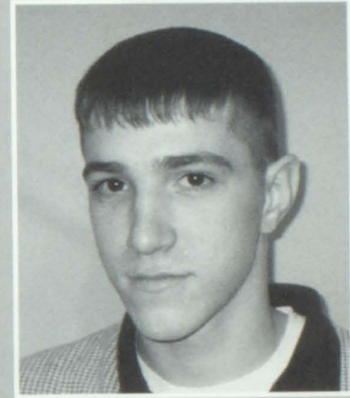
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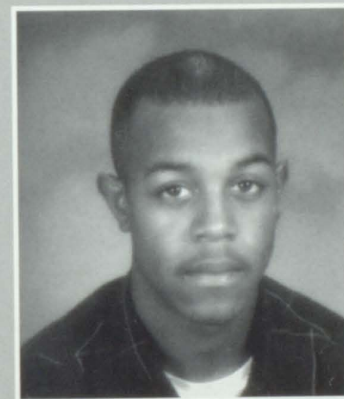
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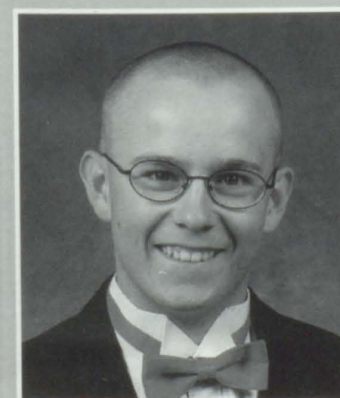
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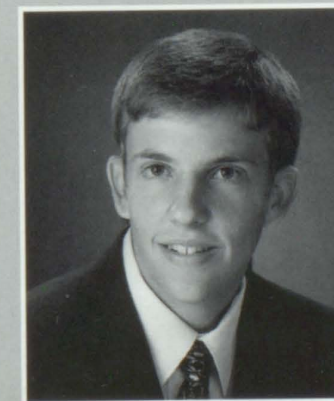
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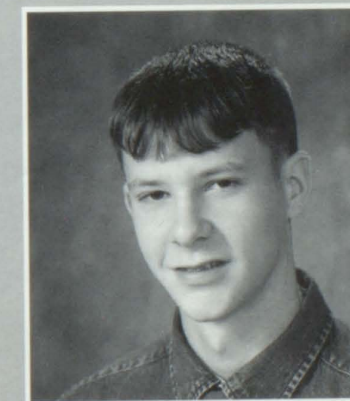
Darrell Dugger



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Cameron Duncan



Eric Duncan

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**Sarah Montgomery**  
Key Club President  
Student Council  
FCA  
Beta Club  
Leo Club

### Who do you admire?

"The two people I will always admire are my parents. They're the best! I also admire anyone who has the courage to stand up for what they believe, and not back down to anything."

### What have you learned in high school?

"High school has made me a better individual, a leader, and myself. I've learned that not everything is easy, and you have to give and take a little in life."

### When was your favorite year?

"All four years have been fun, but my freshman year was my favorite because the year was full of new experiences. I had no clue what I was going into. The whole year was full of crazy memories that I won't forget for a long time."

### Where do you see yourself in ten years?

"In ten years everyone would love to see themselves as a millionaire...but odds are that won't be. Hopefully, I will have a degree, and have a job that fits my personality."

### Why do you think it is important to work hard in high school?

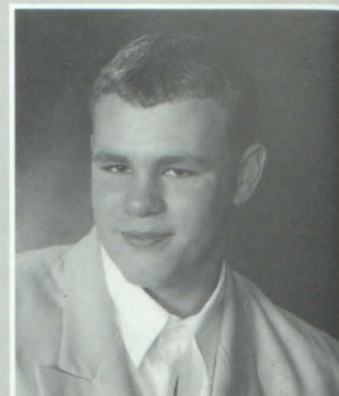
"How hard you work in high school will determine where you will be after you graduate. If you work hard in high school, it will not only benefit you all around, but it will also show you that life is hard work and full of surprises."

### How do you think you have made a difference?

"Hopefully the difference I have made is that I've shown people I am my own person. That is what everyone needs to be...themselves. These are supposed to be the best years of our lives, so have fun."



Justin Eastin



Chad Edwards



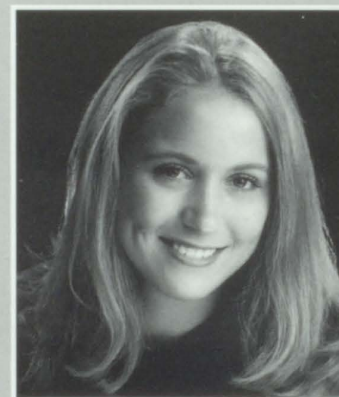
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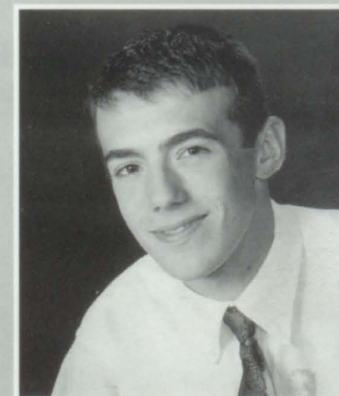
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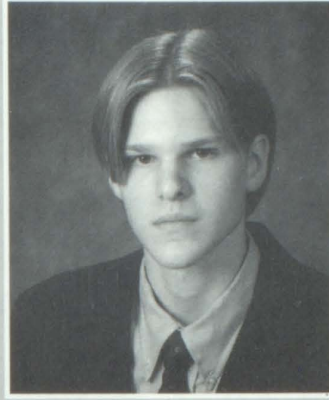
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Tina Edwards



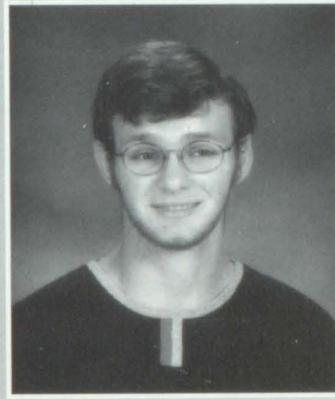
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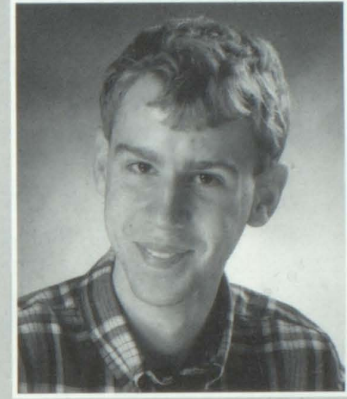
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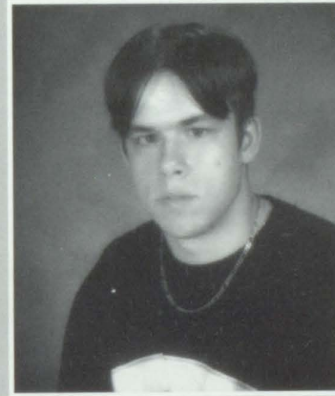
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Patricia Gehlbach



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**Andrea Lovelace**

National Honor Society  
Yearbook Photo Editor  
Quill & Scroll President  
Nike Historian  
Tennis

## Who?

**Who are you?**  
"I am a responsible person people can trust. I am laid back and patient. I am also a hard worker and 'I never give up,' as Coach McManus would say."

## What?

**What have you learned in high school?**  
"I have learned in high school not to get frustrated over small things that go wrong in life. Throwing a fit does not get anyone anywhere. Instead of yelling about the 'disaster,' I have learned to do something about it."

## When?

**When was your favorite year?**  
"My favorite year of high school was my sophomore year. My tennis game improved a considerable amount that year. It seemed like I had no worries as a sophomore. I just had a good time."

## Where?

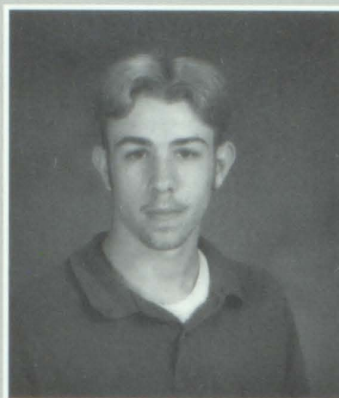
**Where do you see yourself in ten years?**  
"In ten years, I see myself as a graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy. My husband and I will have our own business, and we will have one kid."

## Why?

**Why have you pushed yourself to make good grades?**  
"In elementary and junior high, my parents pushed me to have all A's. When I got to high school, I felt I would let myself down if I got bad grades. I thought it was stupid if I worked hard for nine years of my life and gave up on the last four."

## How?

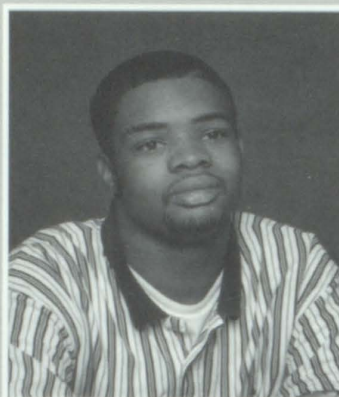
**How did you get where you are today?**  
"I got where I am today by pushing myself to do my best. I would never have had that mindset if it were not for my parents. They made me who I am today."



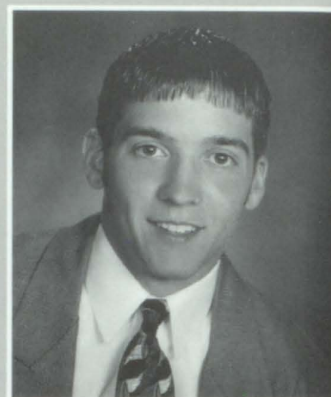
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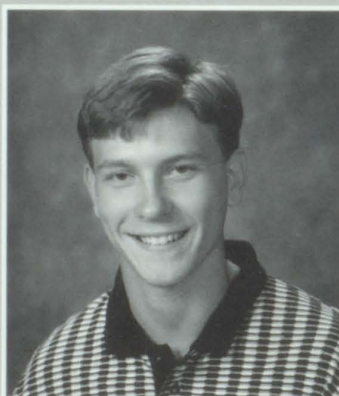
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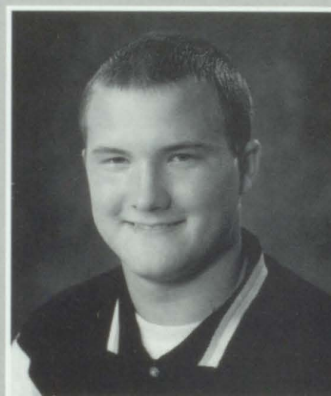
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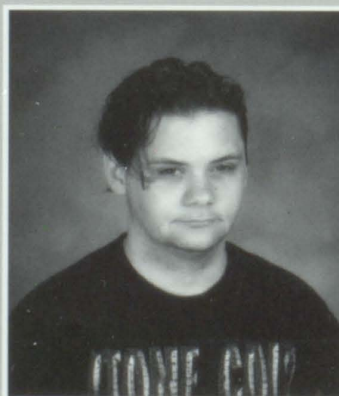
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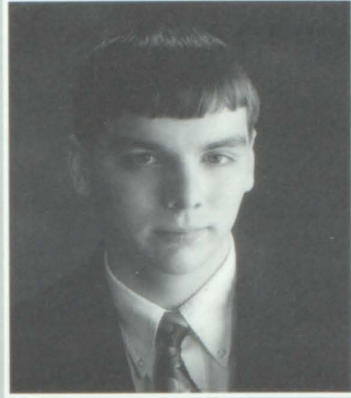


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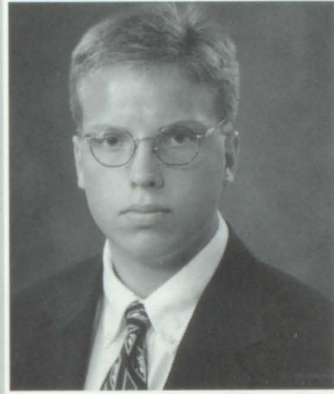
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Brad Grayson



Katy Griffith



James Grimes



Gina Gulley



Tracey Gum



Kristen Hall



Christina Hallum

## Who has inspired you?

"Though there were times when I thought my parents were being too tough on me, I realize now that they were the ones who pushed me to do my best. I owe my success to them for instilling such confidence in me."

## What have you learned in high school?

"By attending a large school like ours and interacting with different people, I have learned to listen and take into consideration many different opinions. I am looking forward to the diversity I will encounter at college and in my future."

## When was your favorite year?

"I will never forget my senior year. It is the last year before I am on my own, so I've decided just to have fun and make memories that will last forever."

## Where do you see yourself in ten years?

"Even though I have not decided on a major, I hope that I will be able to take the right paths in college and land a career that I love."

## Why do you think it is important to work hard in high school?

"It is very important to work hard in high school because even though you might not notice at the time, the obstacles you face in these four years will test your skills for the rest of your life."

## How did you get where you are today?

"I never would have gotten this far if I had not balanced my time between fun and studying. It is impossible to succeed without setting goals for yourself and working for them with great determination."



## Sarah Jarboe

Youth Council Secretary  
National Honor Society  
Beta Club Secretary  
Fbla Historian  
Literary Club



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**Ashley Hoja**

FTA Vice President  
TREND Treasurer  
National Honor Society  
Cross Country  
Track

### Who has inspired you?

"My sister Heather and I have always competed in school. She has inspired me to work harder because I can't let my little sister beat me."

### What have you learned in high school?

"During those last minute, day-of-the-test cramming sessions, I have learned that procrastination is NOT the answer."

### When was the most difficult time in high school?

"My sophomore year track and cross country seasons. I was unable to run because of a broken ankle and tendonitis. I was able to overcome this through physical therapy and a positive attitude."

### Where do you see yourself in ten years?

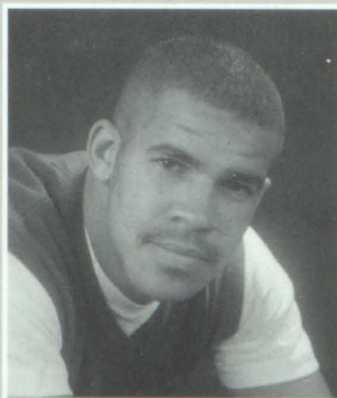
"Ten years from now I see myself in a successful job with a wonderful husband and two kids."

### Why are you who you are today?

"I am who I am today because of my parents. They have raised me to believe in myself and have set high standards for me to live up to."

### How did you get where you are today?

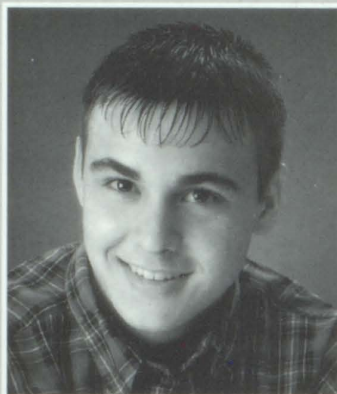
"Through the help and support of my family and friends, and the guidance of teachers like Mrs. Spencer and Coach Cody."



Corey Hamilton



Chareca Harris



Jeff Hicks



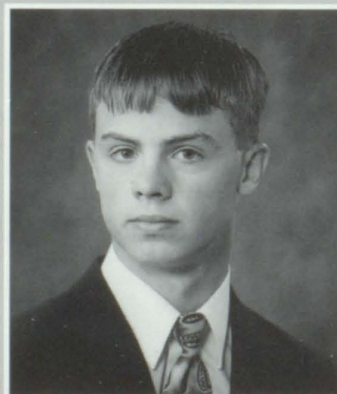
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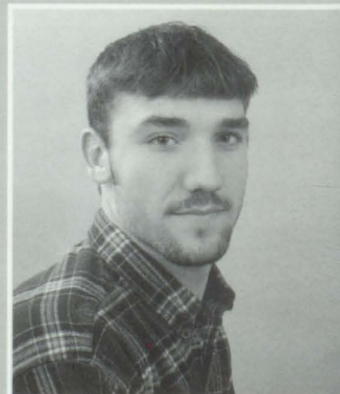
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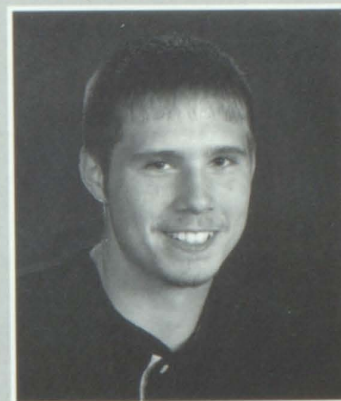
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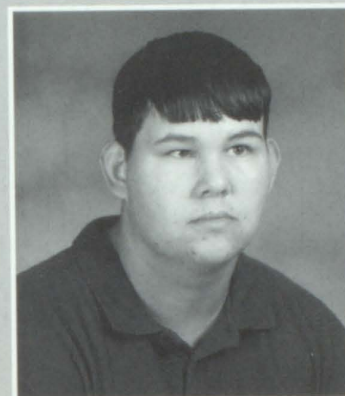
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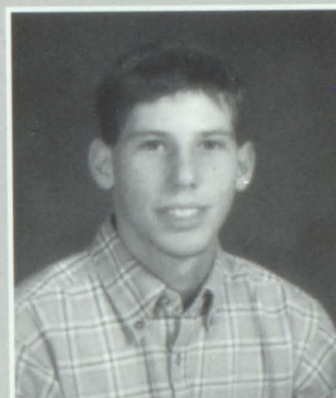
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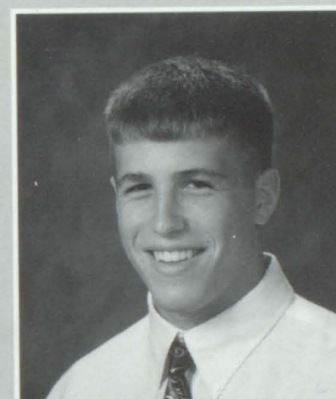
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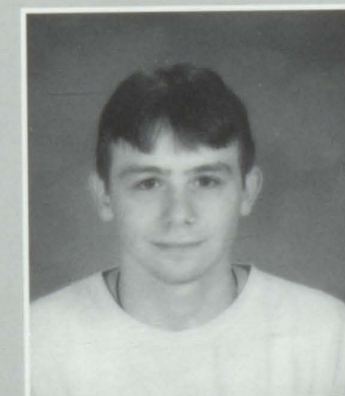
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Jimmy Huskey



Tabitha Ivy



Thomas Jackman



Sarah Jarboe



Andrea Johnson

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**Amanda Hillis**

Student Council President  
Yearbook Editor  
Volleyball Co-Captain  
FCA Vice President  
NHS Secretary

### Who has inspired you?

"My eighth grade English teacher, Mrs. Waddell really had an impact on my life. Not only did she teach me to write through 'blood, sweat and tears,' she challenged me to be satisfied with nothing but my best."

### What did you learn in high school?

"I learned that finding the good in all people is incredibly rewarding; that God can always find you, no matter how far away, and that everything in life is what you make it - even if it's dancing in a parking lot."

### When was your favorite year?

"My senior year was great, but I think that I had the most fun my junior year. I really learned the true meaning of 'fun'."

### Where is your favorite place to go?

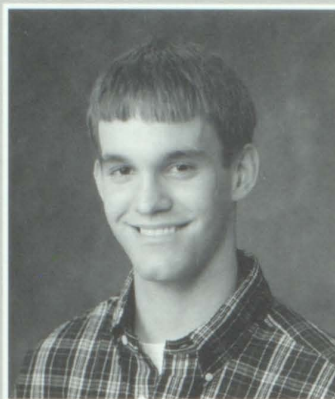
"I love going anywhere near the mountains. This past summer I went to an FCA camp in Estes Park and it was so beautiful. We would wake up every morning and do our devotions outside so we could just look up and see those awesome mountains."

### Why have you pushed yourself to make good grades?

"I have always been self-motivated and have done everything for personal reasons. The scripture that has really pushed me throughout high school says, 'In all that you do, work at it with all your heart, as for working for the Lord, not for men.' It makes it a little easier to give it everything you have."

### How have you tried to make a difference in our school?

"As an upperclassman, I've tried really hard to be friendly toward underclassmen and make them feel involved because no one really did that to me."



Jon Johnson



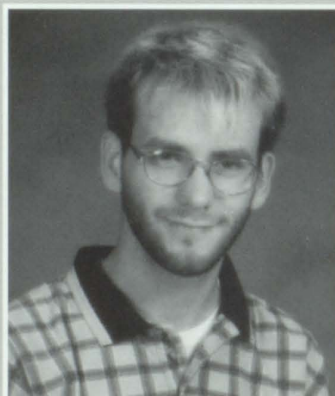
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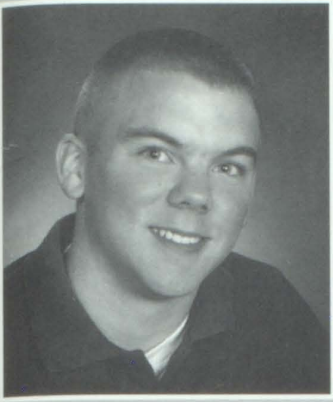


Ashley Legrand



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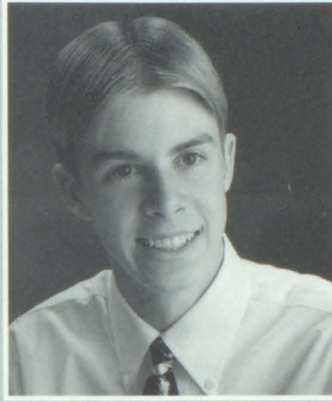
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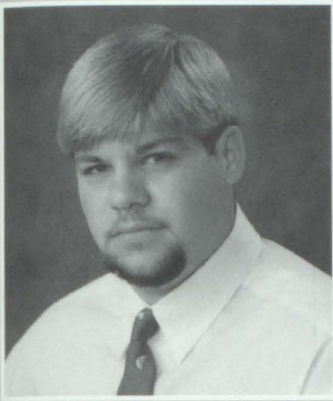
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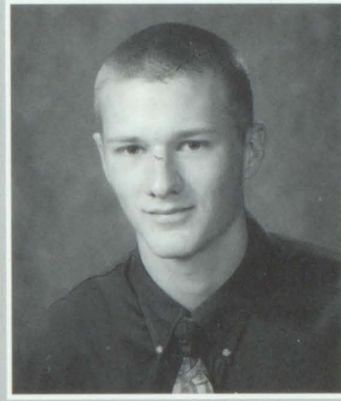
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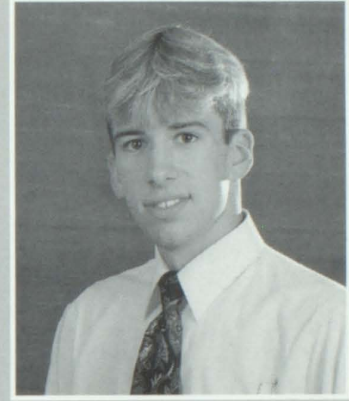
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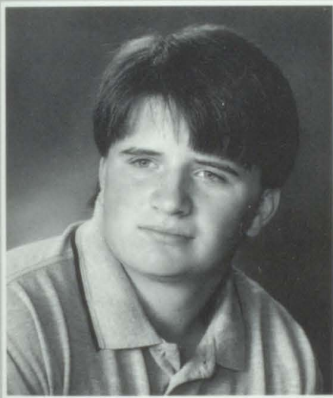
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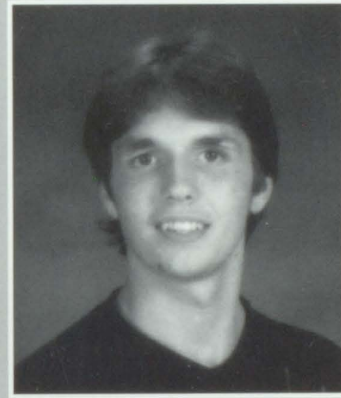
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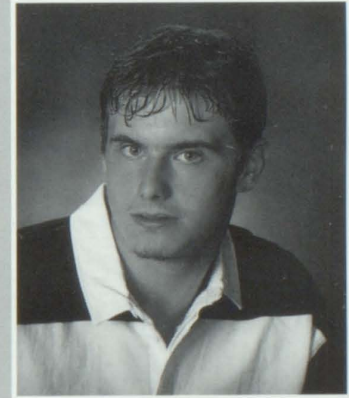
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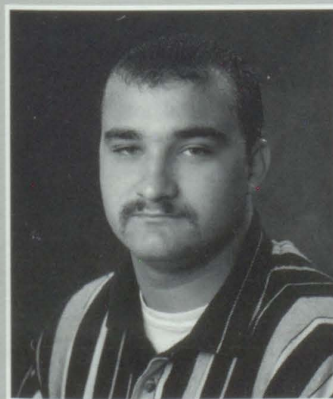
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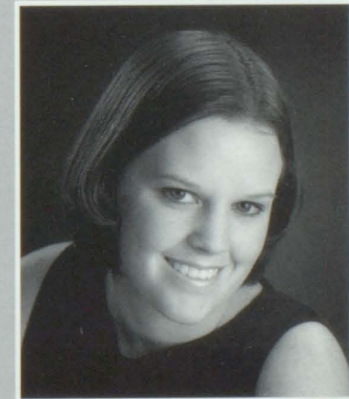
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Andrea Lockbeam



Jared Losh



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**Jake Griffith**

Youth Council President  
NHS Historian  
Concert Choir  
FCA Co-Planner  
PSI Teen Leader

**Who do you admire the most?**

"During my freshman year, I learned so much from Michael Hamilton. He pushed me to do my best and to work hard. He was inspiring because he truly was both a student and an athlete."

**What is the accomplishment of which you are most proud?**

"I am most proud of making Concert Choir this year. All I needed was a fine art credit to graduate and there were many easy classes that I could have taken, but I tried something new and challenged myself, and I'm a better person (and a better singer) because of it."

**When was your most memorable moment?**

"My freshman year I had the privilege of starting one of the lunch Bible studies. It's great to see the Bible studies still going today and knowing that I had a part in their establishment."

**Where do you see yourself in ten years?**

"In ten years, I see myself in a great church, probably working as an associate pastor/youth pastor. I also see myself married to a great girl and starting a family."

**Why are you who you are today?**

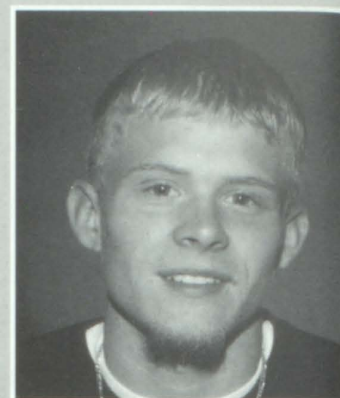
"I think I am who I am because of the positive decisions I've made during high school. The best decision I've made is to dedicate my life to Jesus Christ. Only then did I find happiness and joy and I'll never be the same."

**How do you think you have made a difference?**

"Hopefully I have made a difference by giving my friends and classmates an example to follow. I want the underclassmen to see that you can make good decisions and have a lot of fun."



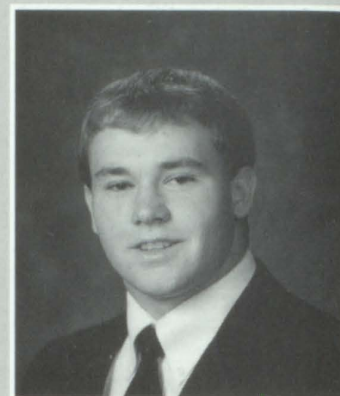
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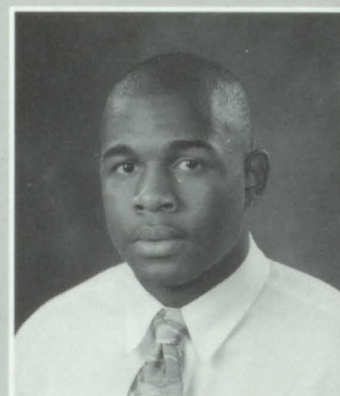
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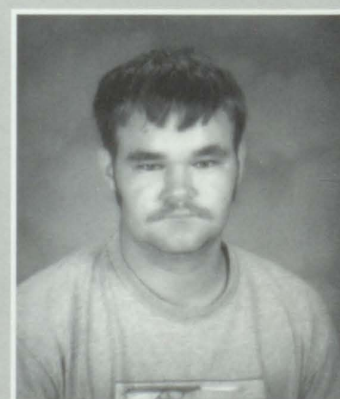
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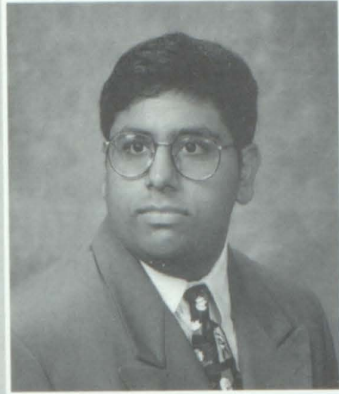
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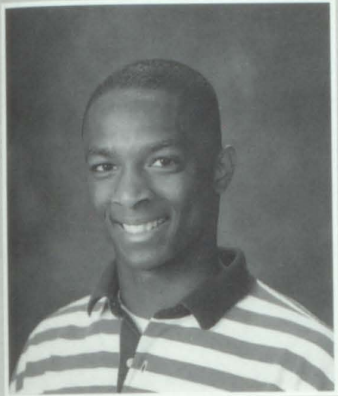
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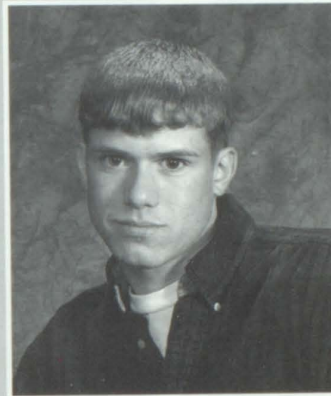
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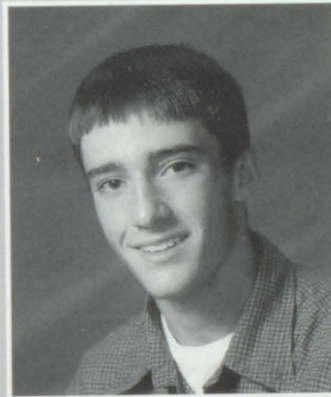
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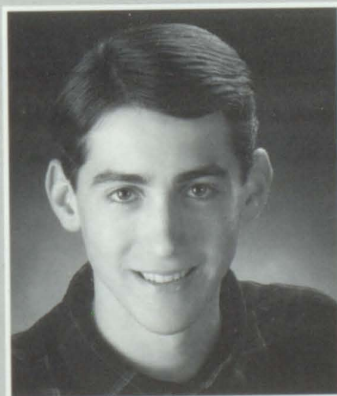
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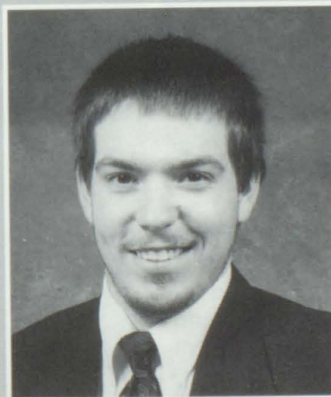
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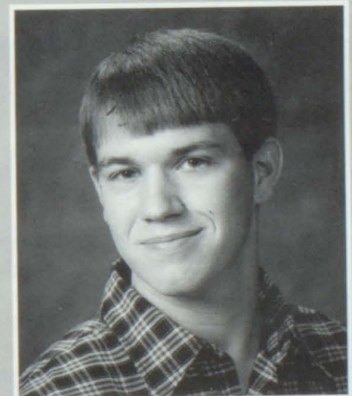
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Aaron Moss

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**Gennie Gieselmann**

Volleyball Co-Captain  
Senior Vice President  
Yearbook Computer Editor  
FCA Program Director  
Key Club Secretary

**Who do you admire the most?**

"I admire my dad because he worked extremely hard and made many sacrifices to get where he is today. He had a dream and he never gave up. I admire my mom because she is the main reason I am who I am today."

**What have you spent a majority of your time doing in high school?**

"I have spent a lot of time in volleyball, during season and offseason. I have become more competitive, and I learned hard work makes you better."

**When was your most memorable moment in high school?**

"My most memorable moment was in the Volleyball District game against Cape when I hit the ball and knocked a girl down. Three years ago Coach Priddy promised a steak dinner to anyone who knocked someone over while hitting the ball."

**Where is your favorite place to go?**

"I love going to the lake and waterskiing. There is nothing better than swimming and relaxing in the sun."

**Why have you pushed yourself to make good grades?**

"I knew I was going to attend college after graduating high school and I knew grades, GPA, activities, and community service are all things colleges look at."

**How have you seen yourself change throughout high school?**

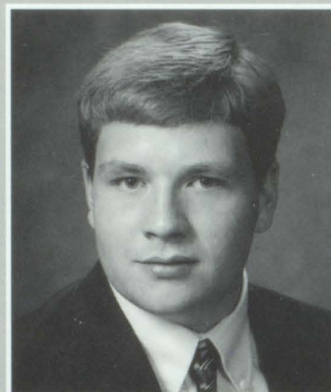
"I have become more assertive. I have learned to stand up for myself and what I believe. I am more confident because I tried new sports like track and dance team. Believe me, it takes confidence to wear one of our dance outfits in front of the entire school."



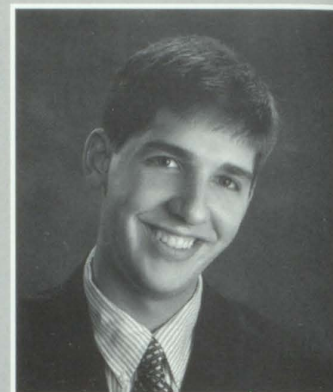
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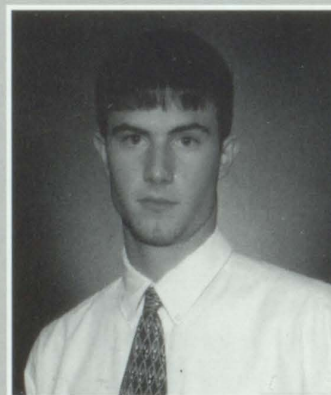
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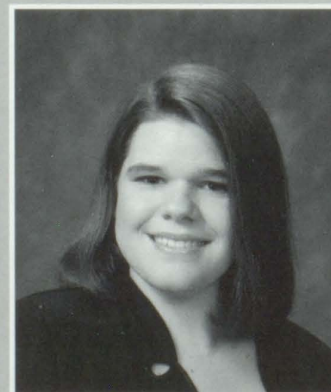
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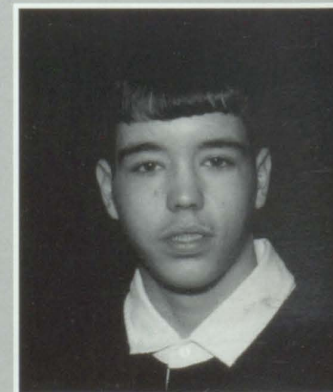
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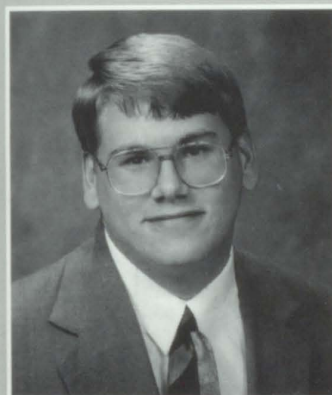
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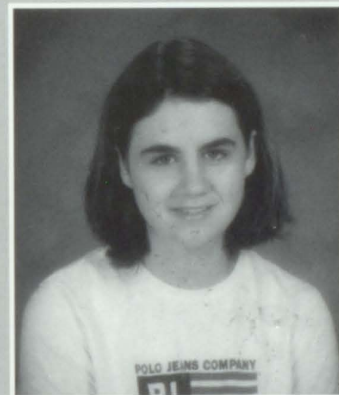
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Candace Phelps



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Patrick Price

## Who?

Who do you admire the most?

"I don't really admire one specific person, mainly I admire certain types of people. Anyone who can set an almost impossible goal and accomplish it totally impresses me."

## What?

What have you learned in high school?

"The main thing I have learned in high school is that if you are pleasant and nice to most people, good things will come back to you."

## When?

When was your favorite year?

"My senior year has definitely been the best. I have a lot more freedom from my parents, and I have been very busy with my friends just messing around. We've taken all of our activities to the extreme limit."

## Where?

Where do you see yourself in ten years?

"In ten years I see myself having completed a full degree in my major, settled in a job I enjoy, and maybe have a small family."

## Why?

Why do you think it is important to work hard in high school?

"It is so extremely important to work hard in high school and become involved in many extracurricular activities so you will be assured that in your future good things will come."

## How?

How have you seen yourself change throughout high school?

"I believe that throughout high school I have become more confident in my decisions and in my actions. I have learned to live the good times and deal with the bad times."



**Katie Farris**

NHS President  
Tennis  
Yearbook Copy Editor  
Catholic Youth Council  
FCA Treasurer



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**Rachel Cooper**

NHS Vice President  
Literary Club President  
Yearbook Advertising Editor  
Concert Choir VP  
Church Youth Council

### Who do you admire and why?

"I admire Guy and Evelyn Whitworth for their service, optimism, and selflessness. Their love, leadership, and unending support has inspired me. Through their example I have learned that giving everything to help others is the greatest reward within itself."

### What have you learned in high school?

"Never limit your possibilities to the confinements of 'average,' and never be afraid to go out on a limb and try something new. A wise man once said, 'If you always do what you always did, you'll always get what you always got.'"

### When was your favorite year?

"My junior year was definitely the best year. I could enjoy the privileges of being an upperclassman without the pressures of applying to colleges and knowing that I'm doing everything for the last time."

### Where is your favorite place to go?

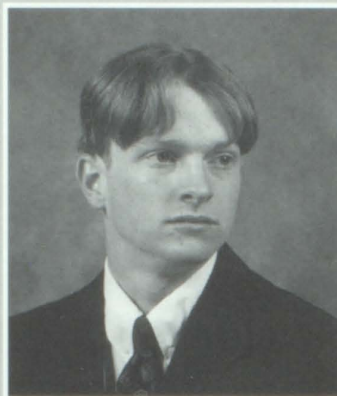
"Although most people would say that their favorite place to go is anywhere besides Poplar Bluff, I believe that a good time is what you make it, regardless of the location."

### Why are you who you are today?

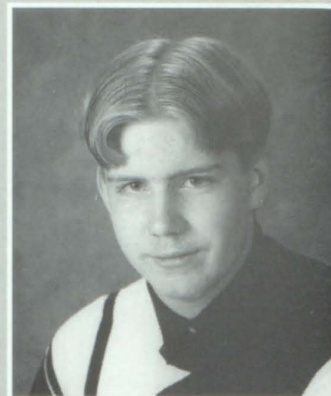
"I believe that the spiritual influences in my life have been defining factors in who I have become. I am thankful to have a loving and supporting family that has always instilled morality in me, and a steadfast love."

### How do you think you have made a difference?

"If I've brought a smile to someone's face, given them a laugh, or made them wonder, 'How does she do that weird thing with her arms?' then I have fulfilled my purpose at PBHS."



Drew Proffer



Michael Rasmussen



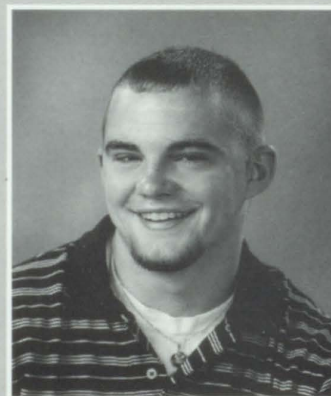
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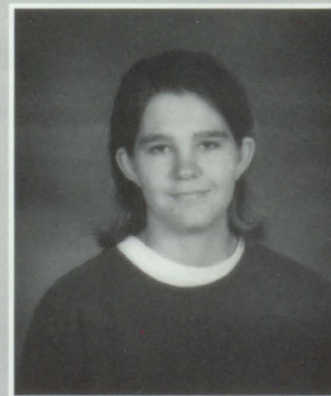
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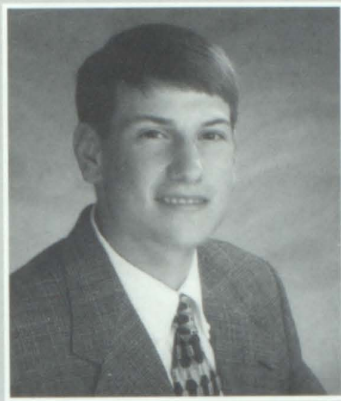
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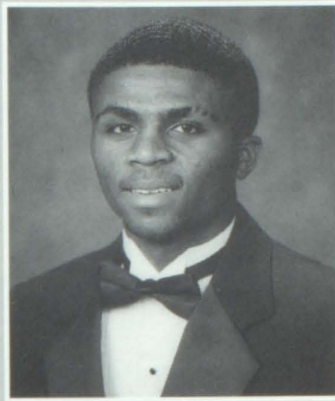
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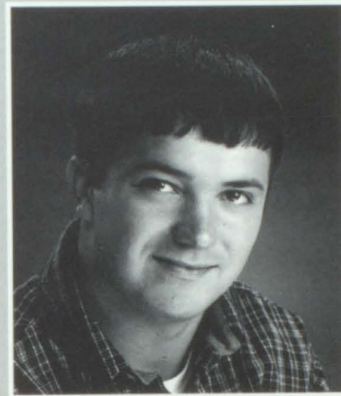
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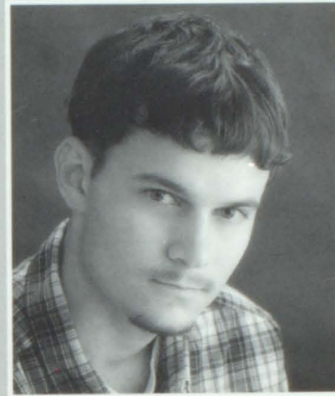
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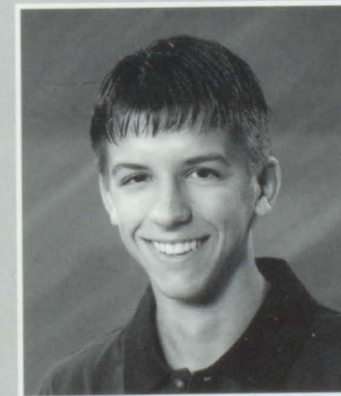
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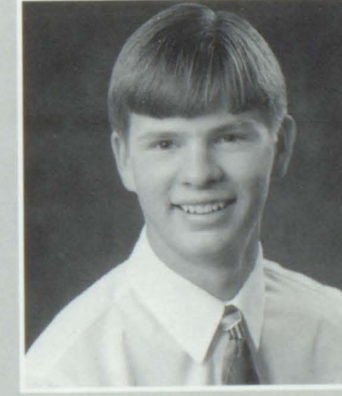
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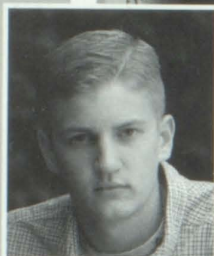
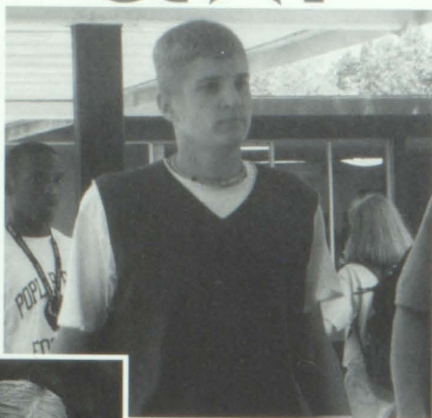
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Eric Summers

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**Jay Clark**

Student Council VP  
LEO Club President  
Catholic Youth Council VP  
National Honor Society  
Beta Club

**Who do you admire?**

"I admire my parents. They have taught me to never give up on myself and to always continue to pursue my goals."

**What have you learned in high school?**

"Throughout high school I have learned many things, but perhaps the greatest is discovering how important and rewarding it is to develop true friendships."

**When was your most memorable moment?**

"The most memorable moments would have to include Ronnie Webb and Coach Patillo always getting into fights after basketball practice. I would be willing to bet that by the time Ronnie is a senior he'll be able to take Coach."

**Where do you see yourself in ten years?**

"Ten years from now I hope to have graduated from law school, be part of a prosperous law firm, and live with my wife and children near Nashville."

**Why do you think it is important to work hard in high school?**

"I believe that working hard in high school is self-rewarding. By establishing good study habits and learning discipline in sports and academics, you go a long way towards preparing yourself for the future and the real world."

**How do you think you have made a difference?**

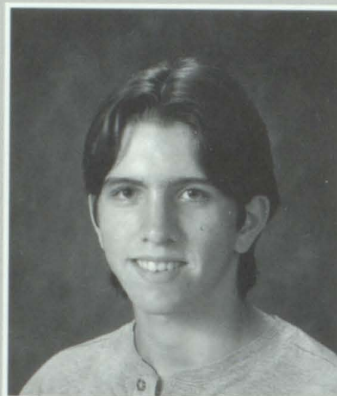
"I think the best way anyone can make a difference in their school is by getting involved with Student Council. I feel that by working with the entire Student Council, and especially good people like Amanda Hillis and Mr. Slayton, I have managed to make some positive changes in our school."



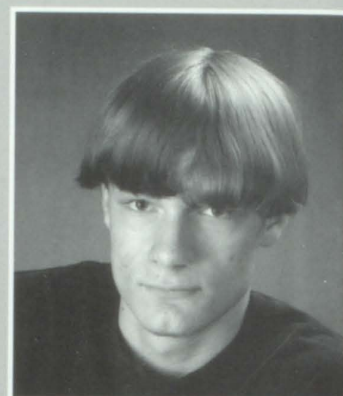
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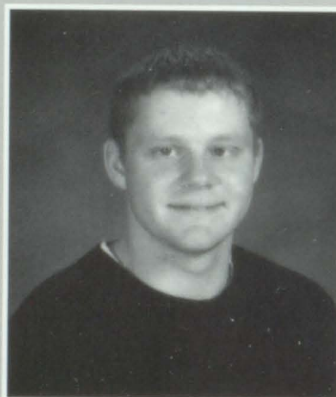
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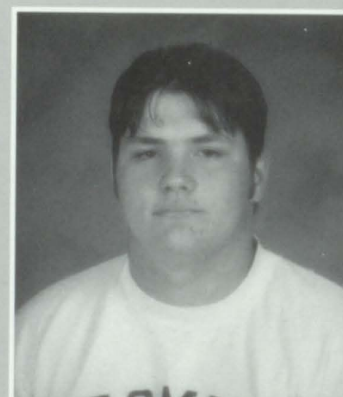
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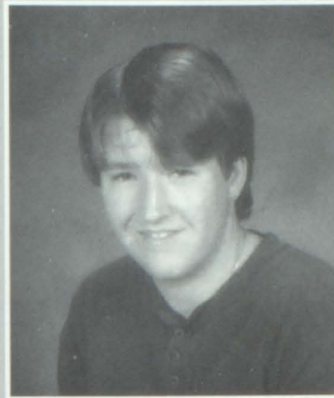
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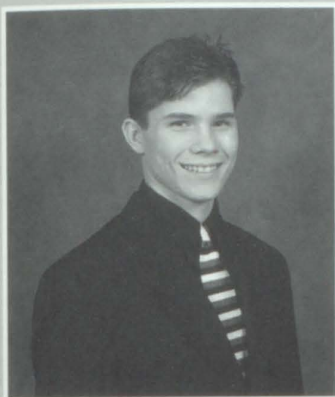
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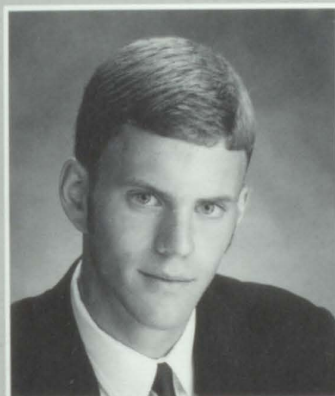
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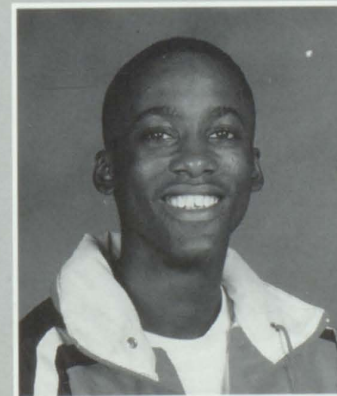
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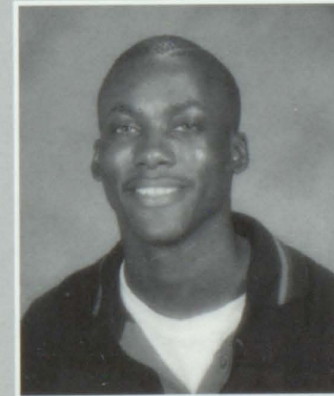
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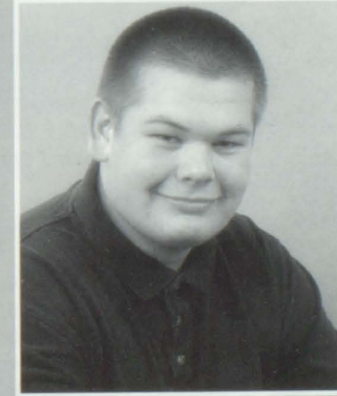
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**Laura Jane  
Busby**

National Honor Society  
A+ Scholarship Student  
Honor Roll  
Football Homecoming Court  
NIKE Treasurer

### Who do you admire the most?

"My eighth grade English teacher, Mrs. Waddell, would have to be the one who I admire most. She inspired me to believe that anyone could make it through life's hard journeys as long as they keep a positive attitude."

### Of which accomplishment are you the most proud?

"The accomplishment I am most proud of is the satisfaction I feel I have given my mom and dad. The feeling of knowing how proud they are makes me a more positive and confident person."

### What is your most memorable moment?

"The best time I've had in high school would have to be my junior year prom. Getting out of class to decorate and the actual night was a blast."

### Where do you see yourself in ten years?

"I hope to be a college graduate with a degree in financial management. After marriage and the finding of a steady, high-paying career, I want to then have children and retire happily at an early age."

### Why do you think it is important to work hard in high school?

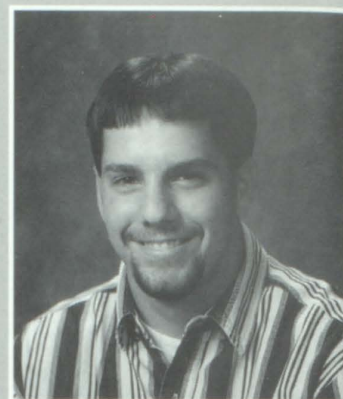
"I think the most important reason for anyone to work hard in high school is to prepare one's self for life's future obstacles."

### How did you get where you are today?

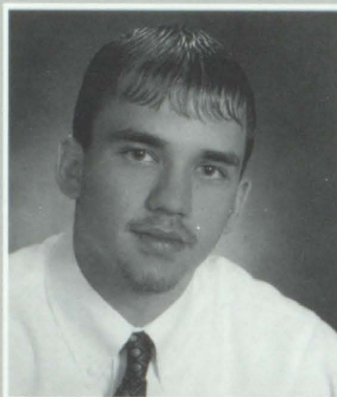
"The only way I've gotten where I am today is by lots of hard work and dedication. Now that high school is coming to an end, I realize that everything I've put into my education has really paid off."



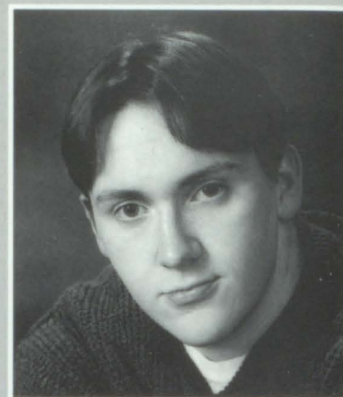
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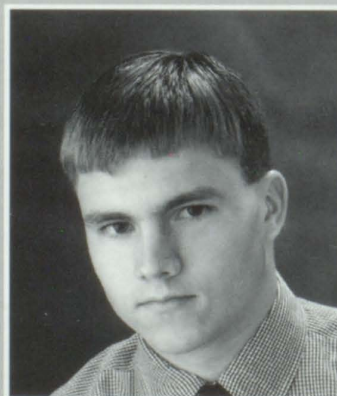
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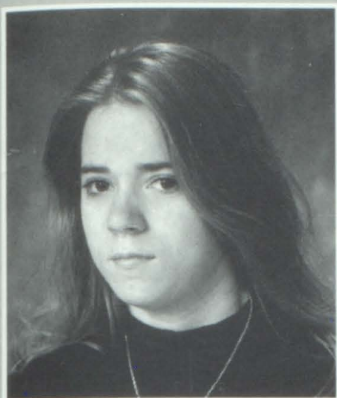


Amanda Young



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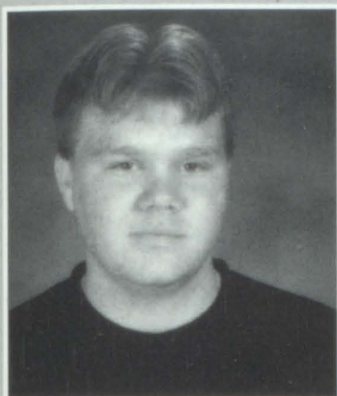
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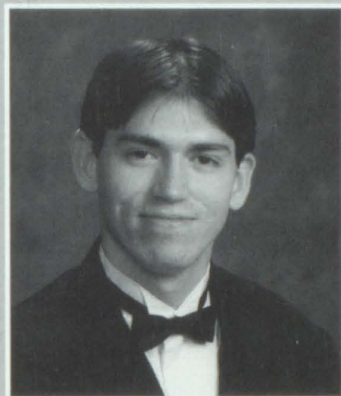
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Matt Wirtz



Delania Worley



Emily Wyatt

We must be traveling on...

# 1999 seniors

As Free As a Bird

## Who?

"I am a person who believes in honesty and hard work. I believe in uncompromising morals and doing the right thing regardless of popular opinion."

## What?

What have you learned in high school?

"I have learned that one must work to succeed, and that life is not always easy. Most of all I learned to seize opportunities when they present themselves."

## When?

When was your favorite year?

"My favorite year in high school was my sophomore year. The courses were easy and I didn't have the stresses of preparing for college."

## Where?

Where is your favorite place to go?

"My favorite place to go is to escape to the outdoors. I enjoy the opportunities for clear thought and self reflection afforded by the natural solitude."

## Why?

Why do you think it is important to work hard in high school?

"It is important to work hard in high school because the choices one makes now can unknowingly have a direct impact on the quality of life attained in the future."

## How?

How did you get where you are today?

"I got to where I am today through hard work, persistence, and the knowledge that I had the support of my family and friends."



**Nathan Alexander**

NHS Secretary  
Academic Team  
Beta Club  
Boy Scouts-Eagle Scout  
FBLA



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Junior class Trend members Heather Hoja, Brooke Lewis, and Sean Sutton make Thanksgiving cards for their Lake Road pen pals. "I got a bunch of letters back from my pen pal and I got a Christmas present that I have hanging from the mirror in my car," Lewis said.



Trying to stay in shape, junior Jennifer Reed takes a run on the treadmill. "Whenever I don't have cheerleading practice I go to the cardio room and work out. The rowing machine is the best, though," Reed said. The Cardiovascular Room is the newest addition to the annex, and was named in memory of former Mules Coach Lisa Godwin.



"Man I don't want to write up this lab," thinks Josh Clark as he pours the acid during a nitration lab in Mr. Hosmer's Chemistry II class. Clark's lab partner, Chris Ricardson, watches closely. One time Richardson hooked up the water line to the bunsen burner and sprayed water up to the ceiling," Clark said.



As the rest of the class works tediously on a writing assignment, junior Jason Montgomery looks for other things to do to pass the time - like talking to junior Mike Camp. "My excerpt was about a jetliner in a storm that crashed. Mrs. Murray liked it, but I didn't follow the directions so I only got a C," junior Jason Montgomery said. "All we ever do in that class is get a laugh," junior Mike Camp said. "It's really funny because Mike (Camp) and I always guard Mrs. Murray's file cabinet that has candy in it," Montgomery said.

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# juniors



"The best year to be a class officer is your junior year," Vera Terhune said. The junior class officers are: Treasurer Vera Terhune, Secretary Ashley Aden, Vice-President Emily Clark, and President Rajeran George. "This year we decided on a "Cruise Ship and Ballroom" theme for prom. As a class we didn't raise the money we could have, so that has caused some difficulty. Being a class officer has been very time consuming this year with planning prom, but at the same time it has been a lot of fun," Clark said. "Our officers have the most authority in the school, and it gives me experience as a leader," Terhune said.



"Survival is willingly signing up for Mr. Jerry Hosmer's chemistry class and passing with a 59.5%. That's when you can call yourself a true survivalist."  
-junior Sean Sutton

# Survival



Junior Megan Edington calculates results from a survey for the school newspaper, *The Bluffer*. "It makes me feel good to know that I contributed to informing the students about what is going on in our school," Edington said. A lot more work is put into *The Bluffer* than one might expect. Whether it be selling ads or piecing together pages, there is always work to be done.

## just trying to MAKE it through

Learning to deal with stress, juniors work at making up creative excuses to get through the homework and the tardies.

**Q:** What's your favorite excuse for not doing your homework?

**A:** "It's in my locker, can I turn it in tomorrow?"

-junior Chris Darnell



### excuse fanatic

"I've come up with a lot of good excuses. One time I was late for my curfew so I told my mom that our bumper fell off and we had to put it back on with a wire, and it took us forever to get the stupid thing to stay up. Somehow my mom believed me. I guess I was really lucky.

The next day I had a bunch of art sketches due. I told my teacher that we left our house for a little while and when we came back someone had broken into our house. They scattered and trampled everything in my room including my sketches. She believed me, too. I get away with everything."

-Junior Carlos Coral

"I said my homework fell in the dishwasher. It actually did one time, and it came out really clean."

-junior Kyle Winters

"I always just say I did it, I just left it at home, and can I bring it later? It works, but they'll probably figure me out by next year."

-junior P.J. Brown

"I just tell them that I have to work late, until like four in the morning. Then they feel sorry for me."

-junior Jessica Jennings

**Q:** What's your favorite excuse for being tardy?

**A:** "I always say I left my keys in Stasha's car and we have to go find them."

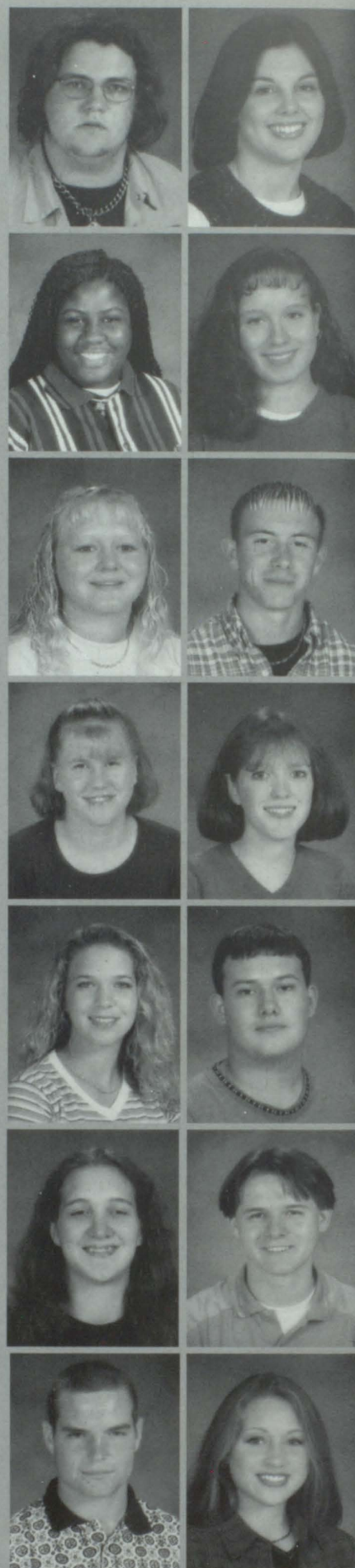
-junior Amber Kneir

"A teacher pulled me out in the hall to talk to me."

-junior Shamonie Latham

"I had to take my Granny to the hospital."

-junior Ryan Hampton





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Eddie Adams  
Ashley Aden  
Michael Agee  
Bryan Alexander  
Jason Alford  
Amber Allbritton  
Brad Allbritton  
Champagne Anderson

Rebecca Anderson  
Mary Ella Baker  
Shontay Balch  
Joshua Barr  
Carol Baylor  
Brad Beard  
Kristina Beaver  
Bonnie Beck

Heather Bellew  
Dustin Berry  
Marcus Berry  
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Blake Birdsong  
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Matthew Bollinger  
Angela Bosslet

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Courtney Bralley  
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Jerald Browning  
Jennifer Bryant  
Steven Buenaga  
Lyndsey Caldwell  
James Camp  
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Justin Campbell

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Anthony Cathey  
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Micheal Chapin  
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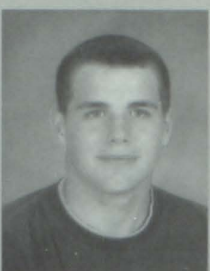
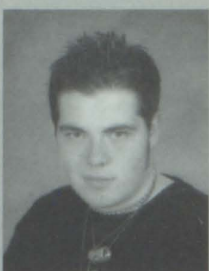
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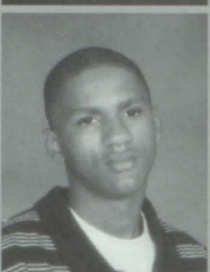
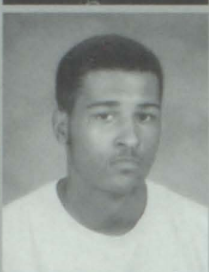
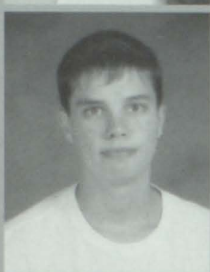
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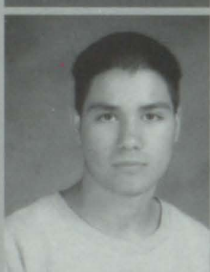
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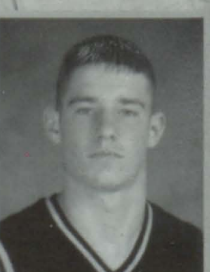
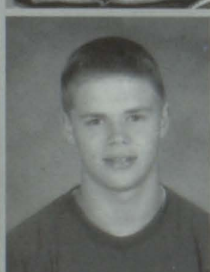
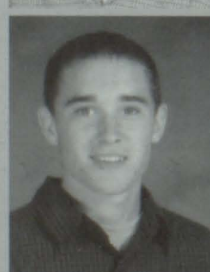
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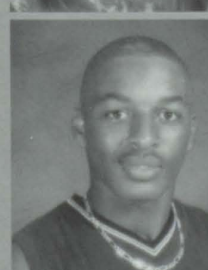
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Juniors enjoy the benefits of having a driver's license.

# The thrill of freedom



Freedom came quickly into view as the day finally arrived for the juniors to get their driver's licenses. Some students had to drive to surrounding towns to where the driving tests were given. "I was pretty nervous when I took my driving test," junior B.J. Lee said. "My biggest fear before driving was parallel parking because I was afraid I'd run over the poles and flunk."

Some students were worried about more than just passing the test. "I was worried about wrecking while taking my driver's test because I would flunk and I'd mess up my dad's car," junior Corey Smith said.

"I was afraid I would forget to check my mirrors before switching lanes because once I forgot and I ran another car off the road," junior Mike Camp said.

But, after the fears were over and the test was passed, the juniors were extatic to finally get the freedom of being able to drive and their only fears were speeding

tickets. "I have a problem with tailgating because the people ahead of me always go way too slow," junior Brooke Choisser said.

"I've finally conquered the art of putting on make-up while I drive," junior Jennifer Reed said. Some other juniors found interesting things to do while driving, also. "One time I changed a full set of clothes - jeans and all - on my way to tennis practice after dropping off people at the junior high," junior Aaron Wheeler said.

"I drive with my knees when I need to do other stuff with my hands. It's kinda complicated sometimes, but it's really not hard," junior Kristin Wolverton said



The current events classes Junior Mike Agee stands guard to one of the voting areas in the bottom of A building. "I liked working the mock election. It was in charge of checking the forms to make sure they were filled out correctly," Agee said.



JROTC Color Guard member Sunny Harrison performs for the crowd at the Beta Club inductions. "Color Guard is harder than it looks. You have to work hard to be together with the rest of your team," Harrison said.



Junior Aimy Quaitte diligently takes notes in Mr. Tim Slayton's 4th hour class. "Mr. Slayton always teases me about being so quiet in his class. I guess it's so strange because everybody else is always being loud," Quaitte said.

## the SURVEY says...

How often do you speed excessively?  
(More than 20 mph over the speed limit)

never	12%
very seldom	23%
when it is necessary	22%
most of the time	23%
every time you drive	20%

100 juniors surveyed

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"Survival is keeping up with all those sets in Algebra. Especially those stupid proofs that make no sense."

-Junior Chris Rickman

# Survival



"So what's going on this weekend?" junior Lance Parson asks Julie Dennis as they sit at a table in the lunchroom. Lunchtime is as much a social time as any. After eating lunch, students spend time making plans, catching up, or even just chatting as they wait for the bell to ring. "Lunch gives us time to figure out our plans for the weekend," Parson said.

## just cruising and LOVING it

After a permit and a driver's license, juniors enjoy getting their first car, whether that meant working for it or not.

**Q:** What is your favorite car and why?

**A:** "Jeep Jeepster - it's a new Jeep that hasn't come out yet but it's really cool."

-junior Brad Clark

"McLarren F1 because it's the fastest street legal car."

-junior James Gieselmann

**Q:** How did you get your first car?

**A:** "I paid the down payment and my parents paid the rest."

-junior Grant Collins

"We had it for about ten years so we just started building it up. We changed the motor, got a new top, fixed the interior, and painted it."

-junior Derek Kneir

**Q:** How much time do you spend taking care of your car and what do you do?

**A:** "Nine hours a week - I wash it, wax it, polish the rims, the whole package."

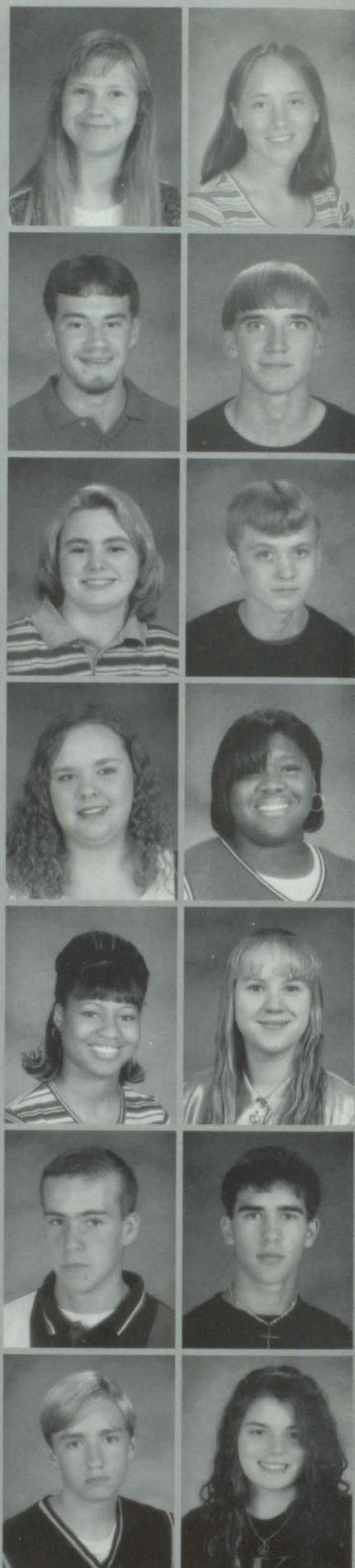
-junior P.J. Brown

"Probably about 30 minutes a month. I just clean the inside."

-junior Jenny Gibbs

"Five minutes a month - I get the junk out of it."

-junior Amber Kneir



### car fanatic

"I decided this summer that I really wanted to make my car better so I worked at a job where I watched over an older woman at night. I made \$1000 in twelve days so I was able to buy lots of things for my car. I painted it metallic purple and added a Pano Sonic stereo sytem. Then I tinted the back windows of my car and added an Oakley sticker. I think it looks pretty good because a bunch of people have offered me a lot more money for it than what I actually paid for it."

-Amanda Fears



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Jesse Gurlen  
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Chad Gutterman  
Kevin Hall  
Brandi Hampton  
Jeanette Harget

Derek Harlan  
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Cody Harty  
Nikki Harvel  
Likicia Hawes  
Samuel Hazel  
April Hensley  
Chriscella Hicks

Kandin Hicks  
Scott Hicks  
Corey Highfill  
Natalie Hillis  
Jennifer Hinojosa  
Andrea Hogg  
Heather Hoja  
Clinton Howell

Christine Huber  
Cheryl Hughes  
Miranda Hunter  
Ryan Hutson  
Jessica Jennings  
Brenton Johnson  
Sue Johnson  
Stephanie Joiner

Crystal Jones  
Carey Jordan  
Shawn Kassing  
Valerie Keele  
Rebecca Kelly  
Michael Kendle  
Michael Kilgore  
Michael Killpack

Todd Kinworthy  
Joshua Kline  
Westy Kline  
Amber Kneir  
Derek Kneir  
Lester Knox  
October Koonce  
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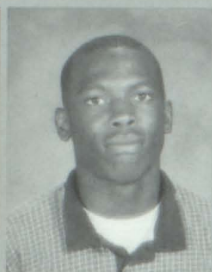
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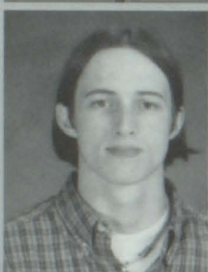
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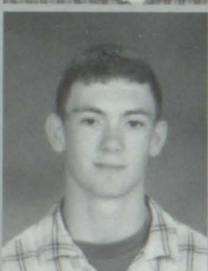
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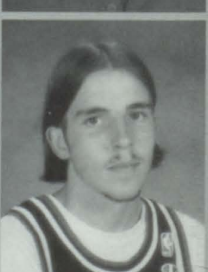
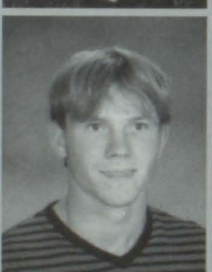
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Time becomes a delicacy to juniors who are actively involved.

# The juggling of priorities

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As the junior class of 2000 patiently awaits their time to graduate, they find many ways to pass their time.

"Since the beginning of the year, Friday night has become known as 'girls night out' for many of my friends. A bunch of us usually get together and shack at a different person's house each weekend. We talk, laugh, and dance until the wee hours of the morning," junior Jenny Gibbs said.

"Every weekend is different for us. But some of the most fun Saturday nights have been piling in a junker, driving to another town, and making fools of ourselves," junior Aaron Wheeler said.

As we can see, juniors pass their time in many different ways. Weekends are usually spent having fun and spending quality time with close friends. Weekdays can be a totally different story.

"Between being captain of the cheerleading squad, working at Dairy Queen, and homework assignments there is little time for

friends. I usually manage to find time to spend with my friends during the week," junior Jennifer Reed said.

Juniors have had to deal with many more financial responsibilities, as they now have to make car payments and pay for gas on their own. So, on top of all the other responsibilities, juniors have learned that they have to get a job, too. This year was hard for many juniors as they realized they do not have much spare time between their studies, work, and extracurricular activities. With so many things to do juniors find themselves in the middle of a juggling act.



At the football homecoming assembly, one group from each class, along with a group of teachers, competed for the title of the best spice girls. Things got crazy as Coach Cunningham, Jared Kennedy, and Rajeran George get down.



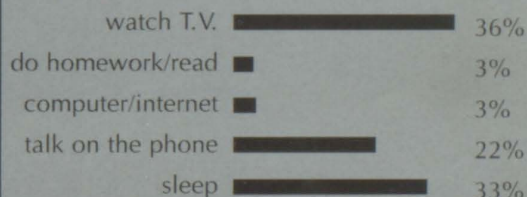
Juniors Libby Dennis, Lonnie Lewis, and Mike Kilgore sit at the mock election booth in B building and make final candidate choices. "I didn't know some of the people on the ballot, but it was still a good experience," Kilgore said.



Junior Sarah Rohde participates in the opening prayer at the weekly Yield meeting held every Wednesday morning at 7:15 in Mrs. Worley's room. "I try to attend every Yield meeting. It makes my day go by a lot better," Rohde said.

## the SURVEY says...

What do you do with the majority of your free time?



100 juniors surveyed

dress



"Eating the school food and still living through the rest of the day is my idea of survival."

-Junior James Pickard

# Survival



While standing in line to eat at the academic banquet, juniors Kristin Woolverton, Meagan Edington, and Emma Franklin discuss the banquet. "I was really surprised that I received an academic letter for my sophomore year. I didn't think I had gotten one," Franklin said. The academic letter banquet is held in November of every year to award the previous year's letter recipients.

## juniors learn to take it EASY

Whether it be "Wizard of Oz" or "Dirty Dancing," juniors find that watching movies is a great way to kick back.

**Q:** What is your favorite movie and why?

"'Wizard of Oz' because I like the lollipop kids and the scarecrow because he is so stupid!"

-junior Dana Urich

"'Dirty Dancing' because Patrick Swayze is so hot."

-junior Ashley Cochran

"'Pretty Woman' has been my favorite movie since I was really little."

-junior Brooke Choisser

"'Armageddon' because it has the perfect mix of action and a cute guy."

-junior Julie Dennis

**Q:** What's your favorite kind of movie?

"Action, because they're more exciting and they keep people on the edge of their seat."

-junior Chris Rickman

"Horror, because it gives me an excuse to scream and not look stupid."

-junior Heather Bellew

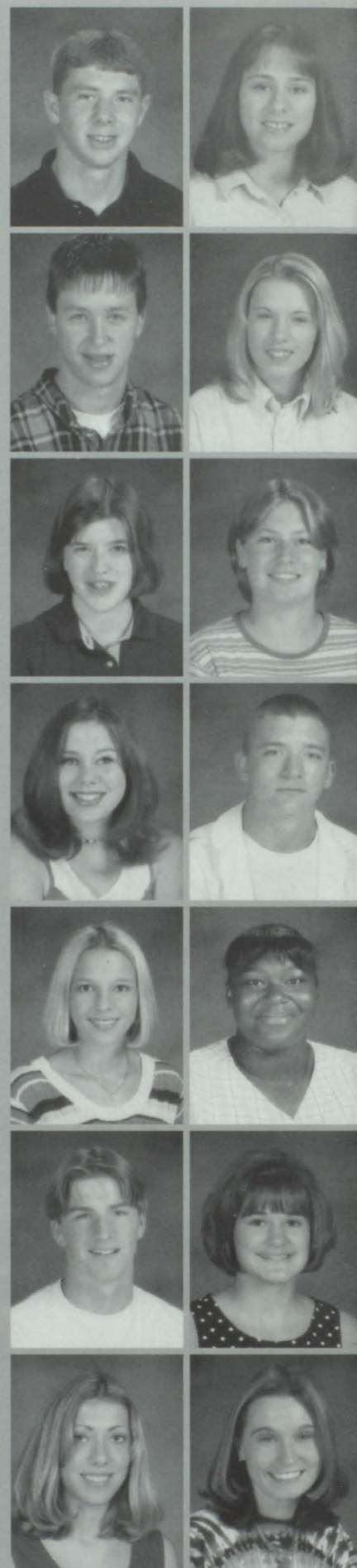
**Q:** Would you rather rent movies or go to the theater?

"Theater, because you get to see it sooner."

-junior Sonny Lacy

"I'd rather go to the theater because of the bigger screen and the quality of the sound."

-junior Ryan Hutson



### movie fanatic

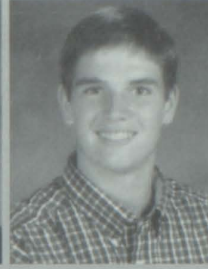
"I'm always really emotional with movies," Shanita Mathews said. "I love to laugh and cry. It's really funny because my mom and everyone else always laugh at me. I absolutely loved 'Rush Hour' with Jackie Chan. I loved every part of it. It was great when he was dancing. Man, Chris Tucker is hilarious."

"'Eve By You' is my all-time favorite movie. I watch it almost every time it comes on HBO. I'm always clowning with that movie ('clownin' is when you act crazy)."



# Class of 2000

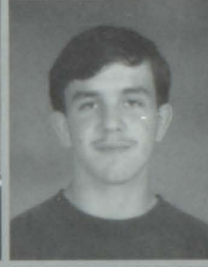
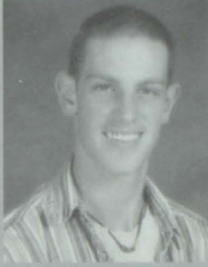
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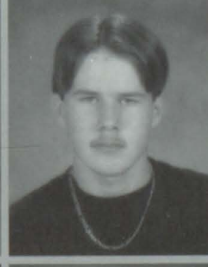
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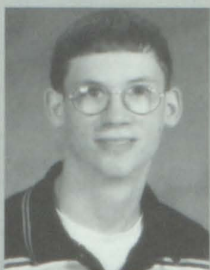
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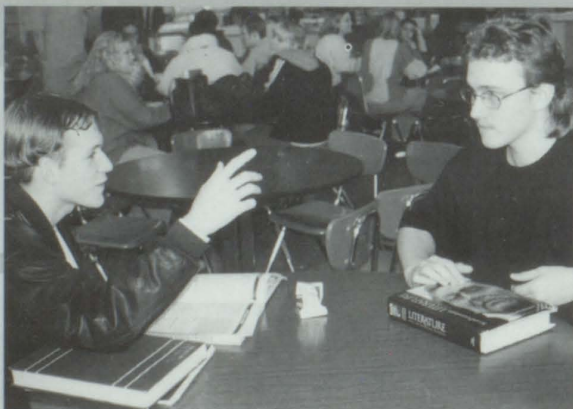


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Dressed in camoflaue on Camo Day, a group of junior boys enjoy lunch time, even though there's no evidence of lunch. Most people have a regular spot they eat at each day, with the same friends hanging around.

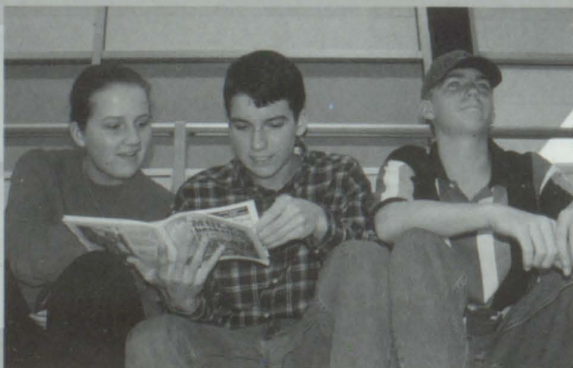
Some students eat lunch during the short lunch breaks and other students study or converse. Juniors Andrew Shane and Chris Rasmussen discuss their next class assignment.



Working on the Bluffer staff means being able to write and work on computers, as junior Mike Weston does for the current issue.



Three juniors look at a magazine instead of paying attention to the pep rally. Some pep rallies are easier to hear than others so sometimes people pay more or less attention to the rally.



Juniors Jennifer Reed and Elaine Wujcik find that they can't get away from schoolwork even at the Academic Banquet. The girls are busy filling out a survey used by the committee members to evaluate the dinner.





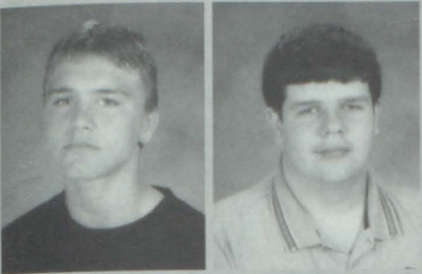
Looking for a quick fix, students find themselves falling into a rut.

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# Hard habits to break

Mrs. Murray walks in front of the class full of juniors. As she explains in depth the directions of the test and passes out the answer sheets, anxiety sweeps across the classroom. Fingernails are being chewed and hair is twirled around nervous fingers. Some pop their fingers, while others smack their gum. Many students' bad habits are in full force when anxiety hits them.

Biting nails, popping knuckles, and twirling hair are just a few of the bad habits some students have.

"I constantly run my hands over my hair to make sure nothing is sticking up," sophomore Jerrad Roehrs said.

"I have a problem with procrastination. I wait to do my homework at midnight the night before or the hour before the class," junior Aaron Wheeler said.

The students are not the only ones that display bad habits, even teachers have them too.

Social Studies teacher Ms.

Holland said, "I have a bad habit of hitting the snooze button on my alarm clock four or five times before I wake up in the morning."

Even though we all have bad habits, we also have good habits.

"I consider myself open-minded because I can see both sides of things," sophomore Lora Albritton said. Good habits could also be in form of manners and the way people study. Some bad habits that people display tend to annoy others.

Senior Toni Gonzalez said, "People smacking while they eat really bugs me."

So keep those bad habits to a minimum and to yourself!



Science teacher Mr. Garver helps Junior Steve Wisdom run a Chemistry Club meeting after school. Wisdom led the club members in a discussion of their upcoming guest speaker and their trip to Six Flags in May.



Juniors Becky Kelley and Sheryl Miller try to make their lunch more interesting by trying new combinations. "Sometimes you just have to invent your own food like fries and ranch dressing," Kelly said.



Juniors William VanPraag and Chris Rickman eat ice cream the hard way- while tied to their neighbors. TREND members tied their wrists together and then attempted to eat ice cream to improve their teamwork skills.

Junior Christy Tilly watches closely as senior Mark Cato tastes the food that she had prepared and brought to share with her class. The Arts and the Ages class prepared and brought in food similar to that which was eaten in the Renaissance period.



Junior Eddie Adams and Senior Michaela Johnson converse as they distribute *The Bluffer*. Adams, being on the staff for the second year, works on the Bluffer staff as a cartoonist. Johnson contributes by writing stories.

## the SURVEY says...

What is your worst bad habit?

popping knuckles	60%
smacking gum	9%
biting nails	14%
playing with your hair	16%

100 juniors surveyed

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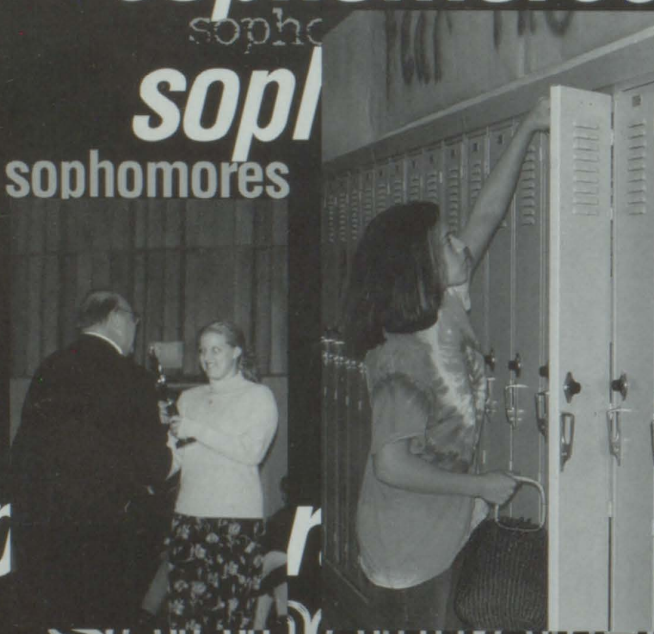
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Sophomore Courtney Dodd accepts her first place trophy at the TRCC attendance center after the TRCC Sweepstakes Speech and Drama Competition. Dodd's first place was in story-telling. She also won third place in dramatic interpretation.



Reaching to the top shelf, sophomore Melanie Smith searches for the right book. Smith participated in "Time Warp Day" during spirit week by wearing tie dye, representing the '70s era.



Smiling happily for the crowd, sophomore Chris Legrand puts on a show for the senior section during the Football Homecoming assembly. Legrand participated in the "Wanna Be a Spice Girl" contest to fuel the Class Wars. His group won first place and contributed 10 points to the sophomore class toward the Class Wars.



With his shoes off and pencil in hand, sophomore Luke McCann sneaks a peek at the work of the person sitting beside him in Mrs. Hogg's class. "We had to classify our shoes and eventually get it so that every shoe was by itself, but I have no idea what it had to do with what we had been studying in class," he said. "We were trying to show that even though they were all shoes, they were all uniquely individual," Mrs. Hogg explained. "I was trying to show individuality and how it related to the literature of early America."

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# sophomores



The sophomore class officers are: President Chris Legrand, Vice President John Payne, Treasurer Stacy Scott, and Secretary Courtney Dodd. "Being a class officer is a lot less work than I thought it would be," Scott said. "Basically all we've done is organize the dance and get our pictures taken for the yearbook!" she said. "Actually running for the office wasn't too hard. I don't even remember who I was running against," she added. "The job is pretty easy, but I don't want people to think that means I want them to run against me next year, because I will crush them like ants!" Payne said. "No, but seriously, it's a lot of fun."



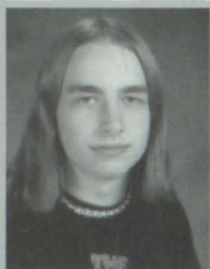
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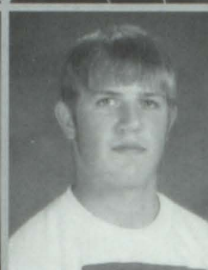
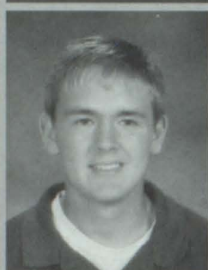
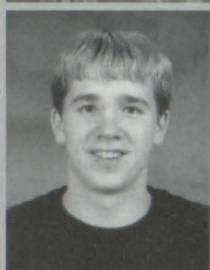
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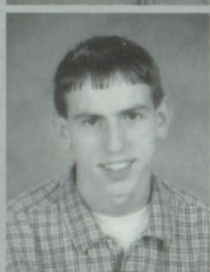
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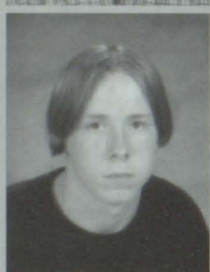
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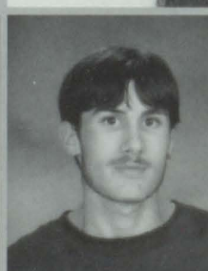
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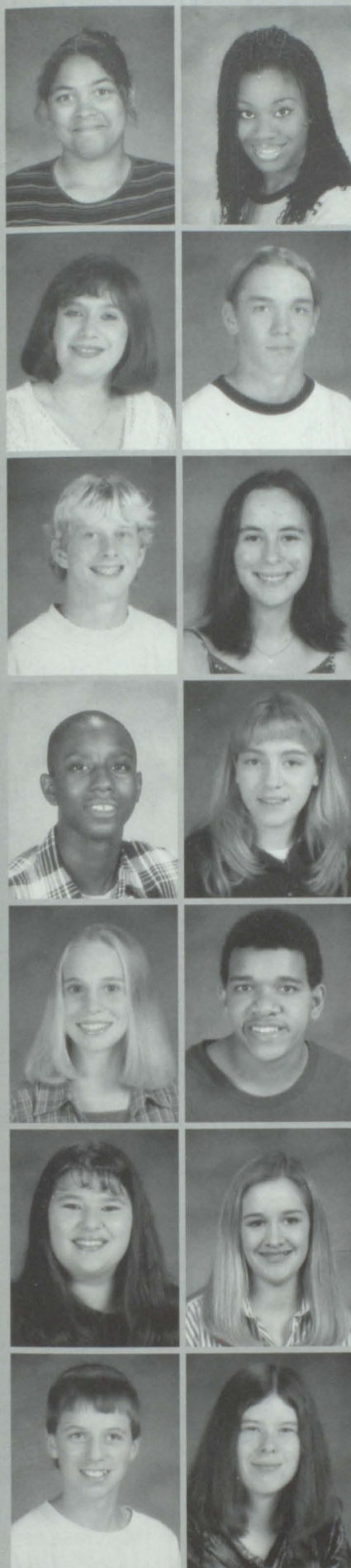


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Make new friends, but keep the old. Friendships learn to endure.



# The test of time

"Ooh, boys are icky!" "I don't want to sit by her, she's a girl!" These were the common phrases heard in elementary school. If you were a guy, sitting by a girl at lunch might mean being teased at recess for the next week. Receiving a valentine with the word "love" on it would be the ultimate embarrassment. But as we all know, things and people have changed.

Entering high school is one of the biggest events in a teenager's life, and rarely occurs without change. New friends are made in an attempt to fit in and old friends are periodically forgotten. "Once reaching high school, some of my closest friends and I drifted apart once we discovered we had different interests and we started to change. It was probably for the best because I made new good friends that have the same interests that I do," sophomore Melanie Smith said. Smith had her own theories on why this happens. "Once we were around more

people in different atmospheres, our social scenes were different. I guess it has a lot to do with discovering yourself and your friends for who they really are and what they choose to do," Smith said.

With things like this happening, several questions arise: Are best friends forever? Will your friendship stand the test of time? "When I moved up to high school I was around more people and I discovered my friends weren't the people they had used to be. Some relationships will always last, though, I guess that's how you know they're special," sophomore Jessica Williams said.



"I'm just hanging out with my friends since we were done eating," sophomore Lindsay Burcham said. Many students sit with their friends during lunch to eat, catch up on the latest gossip, and make plans.



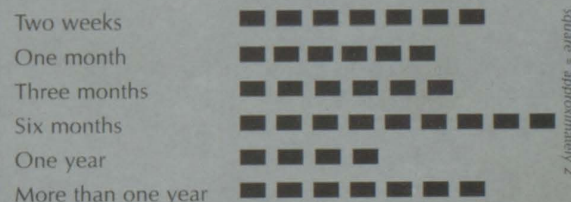
Bryan Hambrick, Cassi Killian, and Judy Hussman enjoy drawing the benches outside of C building for their art class. "I love the freedom of drawing outside," sophomore Bryan Hambrick said.



Strolling around Wal-Mart, sophomore Stan Revelle advertises for the yearbook bake sale. "Even though I wasn't going on the big Washington D.C. trip, I tried to help them raise as much money as they could, but at the same time I had to have fun," Revelle said.

## the SURVEY says...

What is the longest dating relationship you've had?



100 sophomores surveyed

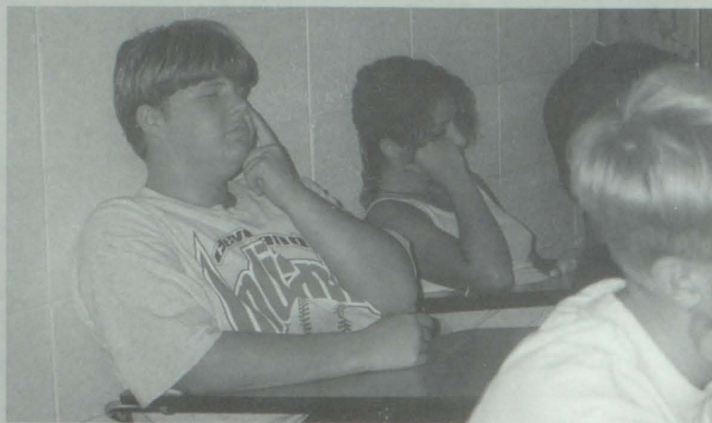
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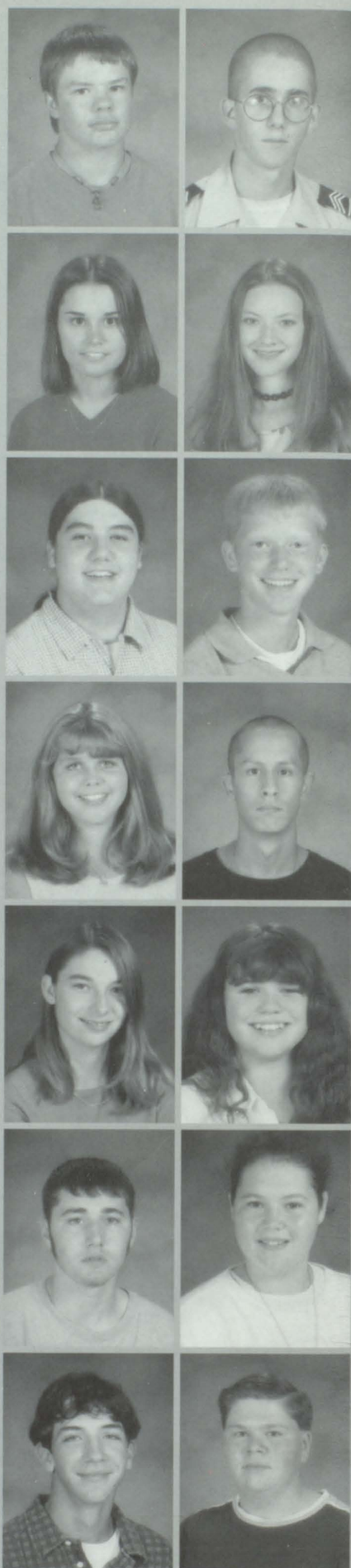
"Survival is going through everyday life and everyday problems and still being able to go on with a smile on your face."

-Sophomore  
Derek Prim

## survival



Mikel Sadler points out his *ojo*, or his eye, to Señor Smith. The Spanish I students take oral exams almost daily. Instead of ordinary written tests, the students close their eyes and make the sign of the word they are learning. "The hands-on learning helps me remember the word better than if I were to write it down," Sadler said.



## just wanting to look their BEST

Dressing uniquely was good, but for some sophomores just looking like everyone else was okay, too.

## Sophomores favorite brand of clothing



### fashion fanatic

"Fashion is putting things together that make a statement. I do that by wearing clothing that no one else wears. In junior high, a peer and always competed. Finally, I decided that instead of competing, I'll dress like myself. When I shop I like to buy matching shoes for my clothes. My mom will buy me matching nail polish to wear with my outfits. It takes me 45 minutes alone to put on my makeup. I'll change my clothes 8 times before I come to school. I'll throw clothes all over my bedroom and bathroom floor. One time I bought new eyeliner that I had to burn the hard covering off of, after I burned it, I forgot to blow it off and I burned my eyelid. It swelled shut and I didn't want to go to school. I admire Tyra Banks because she has her own style and I want to have my own."

-Sophomore Trameka Anderson

Polo	30%
JNCO	27%
Tommy Hilfiger	11%
Arizona Jean Co.	10%
American Eagle	6%
Levi's	5%
Calvin Klein	5%
Guess?	4%

### top 5 brands of shoes

1. Nike
2. Adidas
3. Doc Martens
4. Airwalk
5. Vans

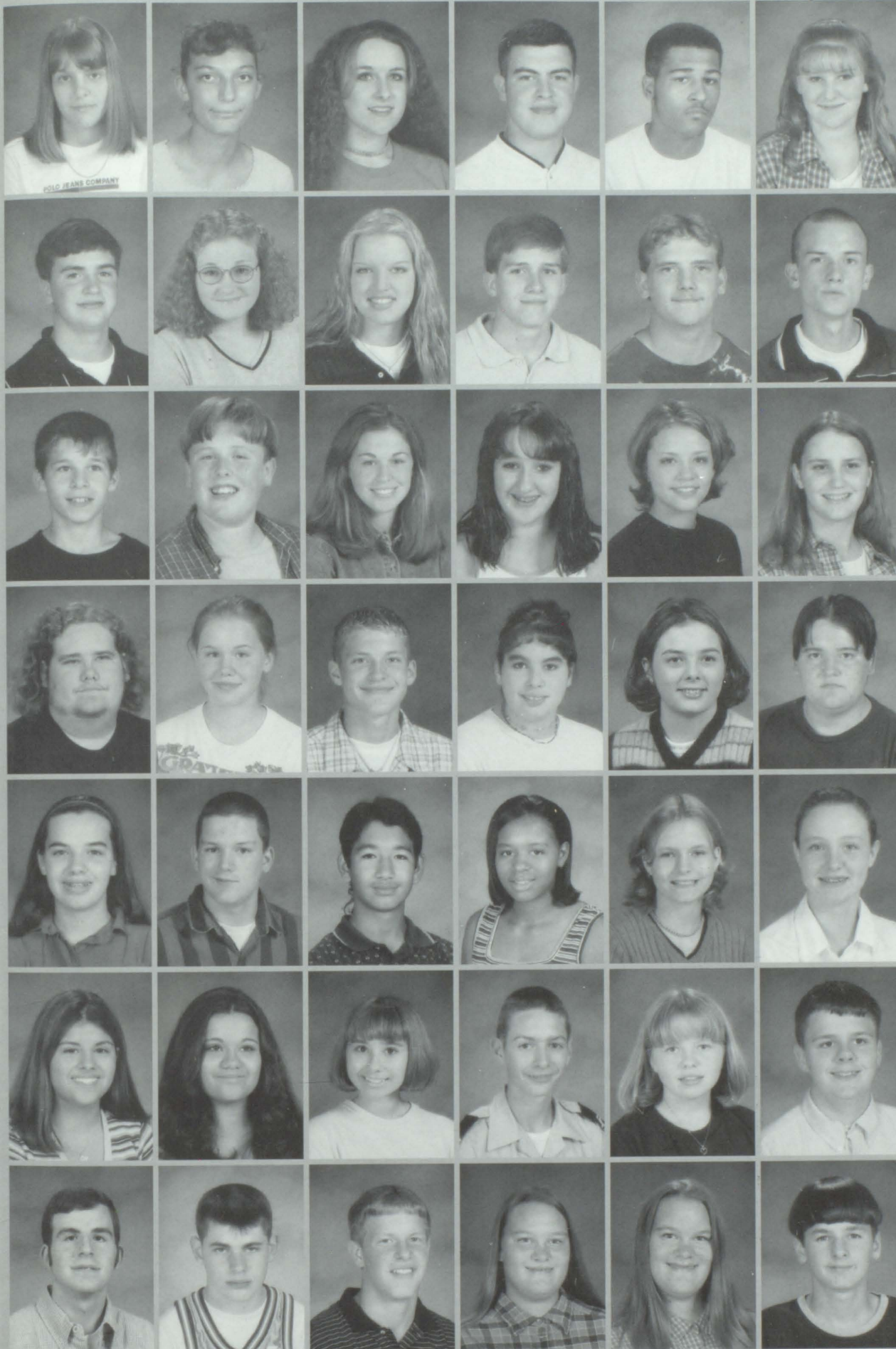
### top 5 accessories

1. Scrunchie
2. Watch
3. Ring
4. Wide leg jeans
5. Hat



# Class of 2001

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Karla Crouch  
Jennifer Daggett  
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Nicholas Davey  
Ashley Davis

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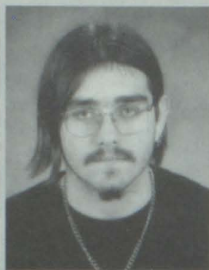
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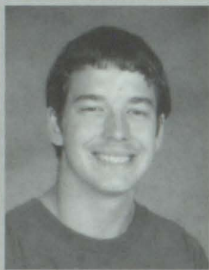
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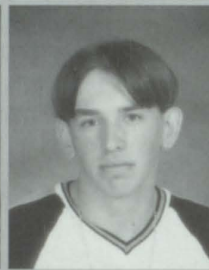
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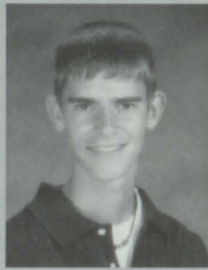
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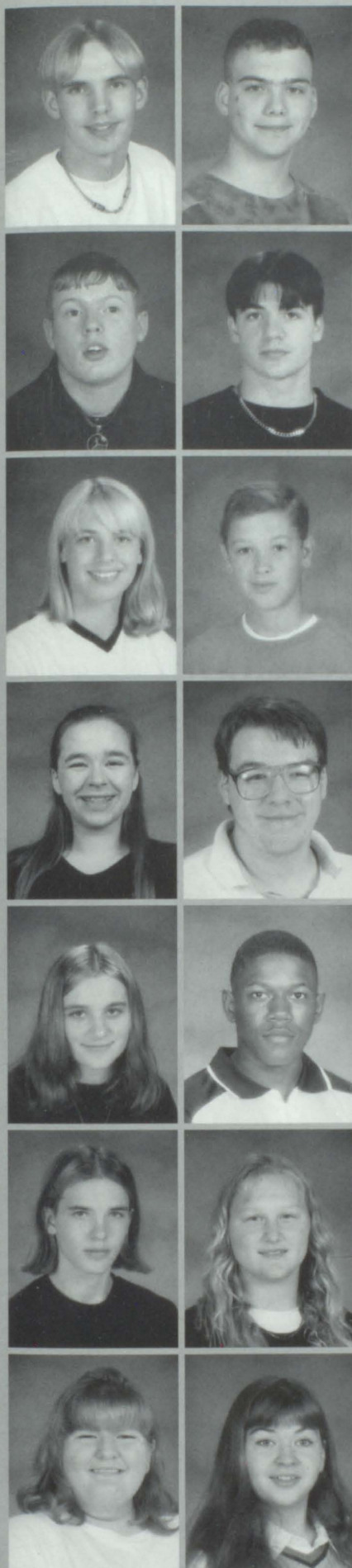
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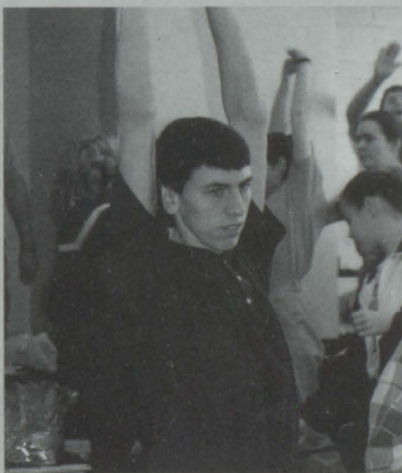
Through music, fashion, and attitude, students are rebelling loudly.

# don't think so!



"I don't think so!" "Why me?" "I don't want to." "No!" Sound familiar? They should, because these sayings are all common forms of rebellion. "I never do anything that my mom or dad say and I don't get off the phone when I'm told to," said sophomore Kelly Kearbey. Whether at home or school, most students are rebellious at one time or another. Not doing homework, talking while the teacher is talking, or not even going to class are all done by rebelling students on a daily basis. Even the clothes students wear can be a form of rebellion. To some people, body art, tatoos, piercings, and even dying hair are forms of rebelling against parents. "According to my parents' standards, I have my music turned up way too loud," freshman Kristen Daggett said. Obscene lyrics and the music of rap, Marilyn Manson, Insane Clown Posse, and most other heavy metal band are seenn by parents as a bad influence. Students see their music tastes as a

way to express themselves and their individuality. Each student has a different form of rebellion. Some choose to express themselves in fashion by choosing clothes which their parents don't care for. Other students choose music that their parents have to constantly remind to turn down. Still some students develop their own attitude to rebel against parents with. "At home I have a smart mouth, and an attitude problem with my parents," sophomore Latasha Williams said. Whether expressing themselves through fashion, music, or attitude, students today are rebelling louder than ever.



Mike Berry takes time to stretch before he starts singing in his concert choir class. "It's my fourth year to participate in choir, including the two years in junior high, and I think stretching is a great way to loosen up before we sing," Berry said.








Determination and focus help sophomore Tim Knight excel on the drill team. "I joined for the leadership and college opportunities," Knight said. Tim Knight is practicing with the rifle for exhibition in JROTC.



Sophomore Megan Bridges works at the yearbook bake sale at Wal-Mart. "Andrea Lovelace kept knocking down my muffins, so I had to keep rearranging them for display," Bridges said.

## the SURVEY says...

What do you do when you rebel against your parents?

- Yell and scream 
- Lock yourself in your room 
- Leave your house 
- Don't talk 
- You never rebel 

100 sophomores surveyed

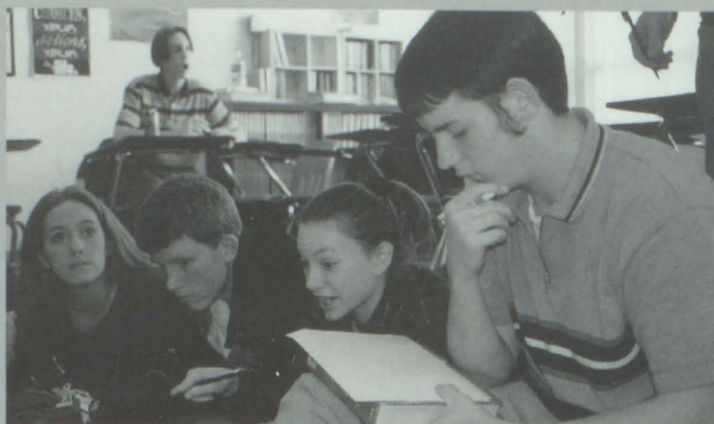
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"Survival is making it through a 6:00 A.M. practice, running an 8-6-4-2, and then going through a stressful day at school."

-Sophomore  
Amanda  
Whittenburg

# Survival



Not everyday will a teacher tell their students to take off their shoes in the middle of class. "I took a risk," said Ms. Hogg. She had each student take off one of their shoes and put it in the middle of the room and the students had to group the shoes together and break down each category until each shoe was by itself. "Hey, this is better than doing homework!" sophomore Chris Legrand said.

## students crank up the TUNES

Sophomores may jam to different styles of music, but they all share the same love for music.

## Sophomores favorite types of music



### music fanatic

"I really love music, and I've learned to love every kind of music there is--even opera. I was angry because the publications staff survey put Christian music as it's own label, but it's not a style in itself because there are different kinds. I listen to rap and core, but probably my favorite kind of music is jazz. I play the bass, so I'm really into Jaco Pastorius. He was an excellent bass player, but he died in 1987 when I was only, like, 5. He was a person that I thrive to be like. I'm in a band called Silence with Marcus Berry, Danny Seawel, Kelley Harris and Hanz Nahz. Hanz can establish a really awesome downbeat, and we just lock. It's really important since he's the drummer. I play bass and he's the dude I groove best with. The band was really serious about getting a record deal, but right now we're kind of unfocused."

-Sophomore Derek Doyle

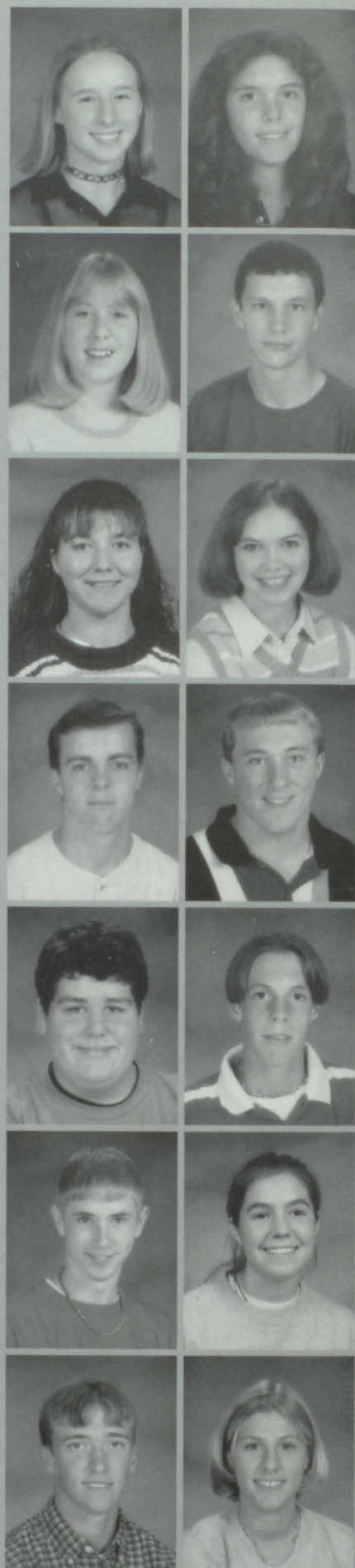
Rock	32%
R & B	18%
Rap	18%
Heavy Metal	18%
Pop	6%
Country	4%
Christian	2%
Classical	2%

### top 5 CDs

1. Reload (Metallica)
2. Life Is Peachy (Korn)
3. N'Sync
4. The Boy Is Mine (Monica)
5. Dr. Doolittle Soundtrack

### top 5 groups

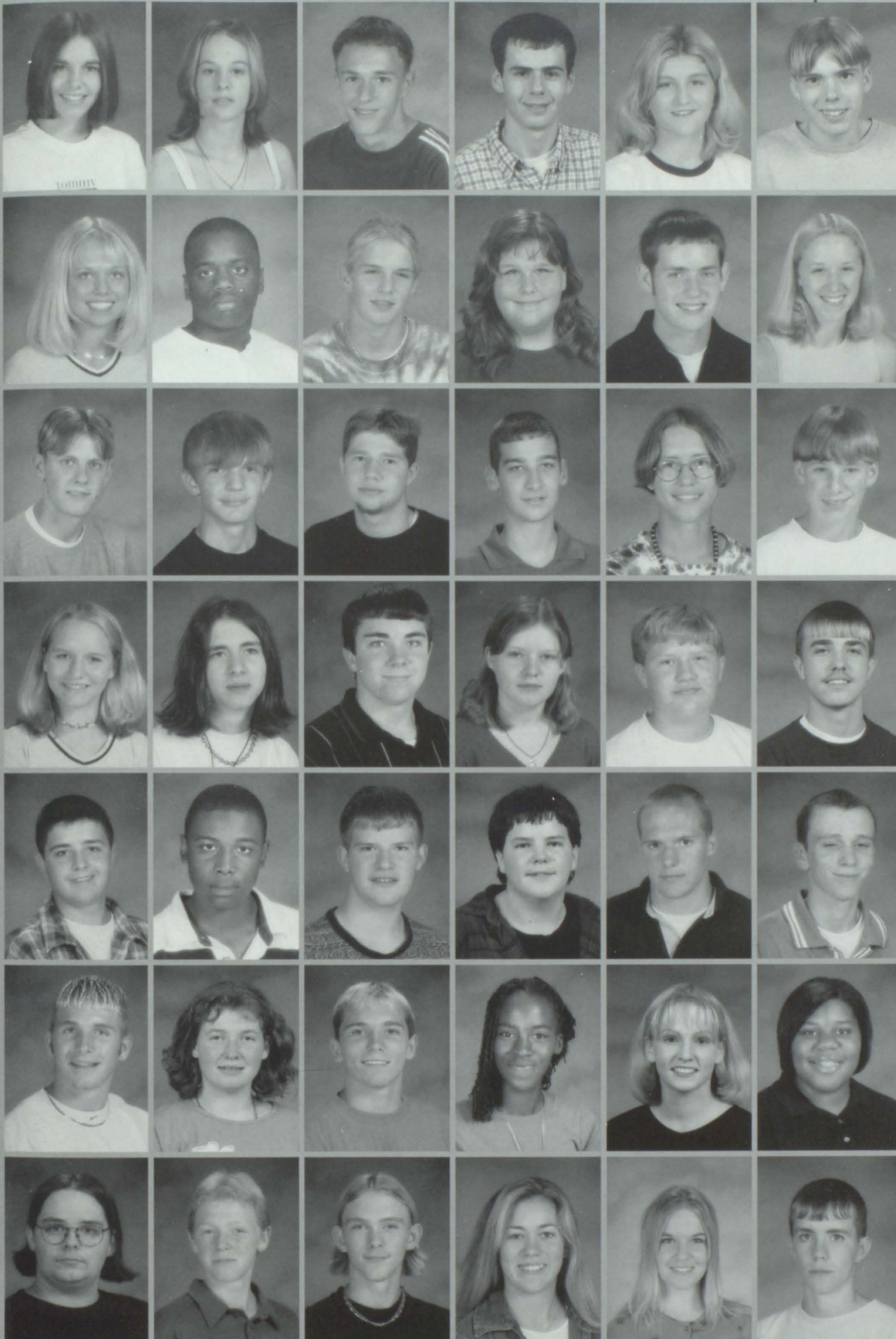
1. Korn
2. Metallica
3. Insane Clown Posse
4. N'Sync
5. Garth Brooks





# Class of 2001

sophomores



Angela Kiefer  
Adrienne Killian  
Cassie Killian  
Sena Kinder  
Timothy Knight  
Kelly Labryer  
Jessica Lack  
Jonas Lady

Sarah Lamb  
David Landreth  
Christy Lansford  
Daniel Larkins  
Jana Law  
Nicole Law  
Christopher Legrand  
Haley Lester

Nannette Lewis  
Lindsay Lovelace  
Christopher Luecke  
Randy Luttrull  
Christopher Lux  
Travis Maddox  
Tommy Main  
Benjamin Malkowski

Shawn Manis  
Jeffrey Mannon  
Lacey Markham  
Paul Mashburn  
Jacob Matkin  
Amanda Mauldin  
Mark Maxwell

Dalton McKnight  
Benjamin McAllister  
Luke McCann  
Ashley McCoy  
Michael McDonald  
William McDonald  
Clayton McDowell

Jacob McFadden  
Jeremy McIntosh  
**Tyler McKnight** 11/11/82-1/10/99  
Emily McWilliams  
Rodney Michler  
Jennifer Miller  
Mark Miller  
Shuntell Miller

Johnna Milner  
Heather Mitchell  
Michael Mittermeyer  
Melisa Monroe  
Edmond Montgomery  
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David Moore  
Tiffany Moore

seniors

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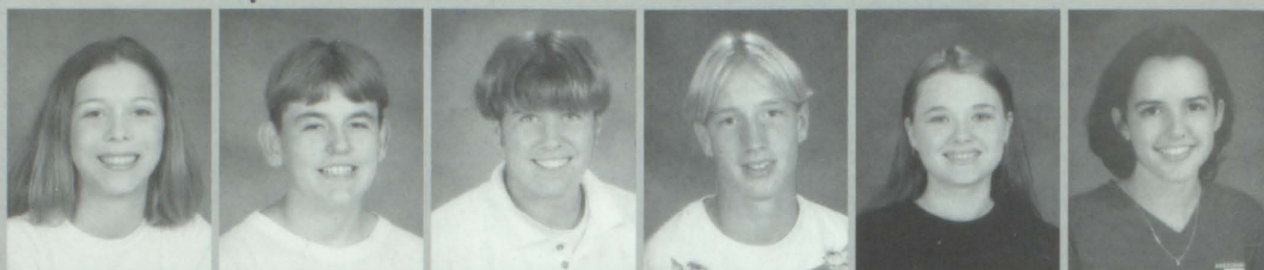
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# Class of 2001

## sophomores

Shashana Moses  
Kirk Murphy  
John Newman  
Cory Nichols  
Jessica Norman  
Lauren Ormsby  
Jeremy Osgood  
Tiffany Parker



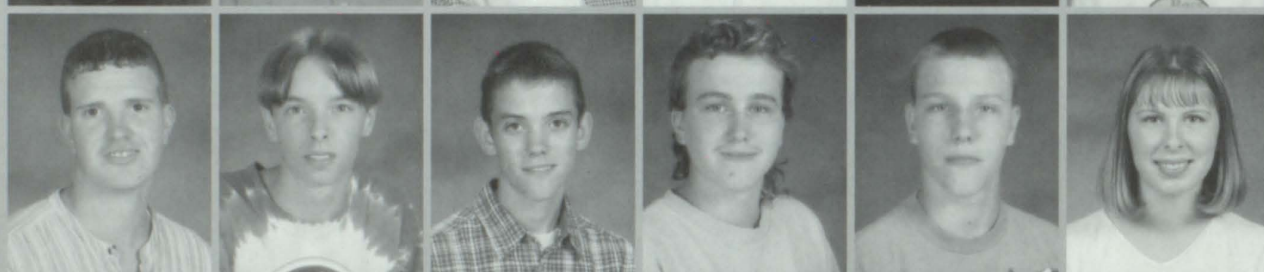
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Meredith Pierce  
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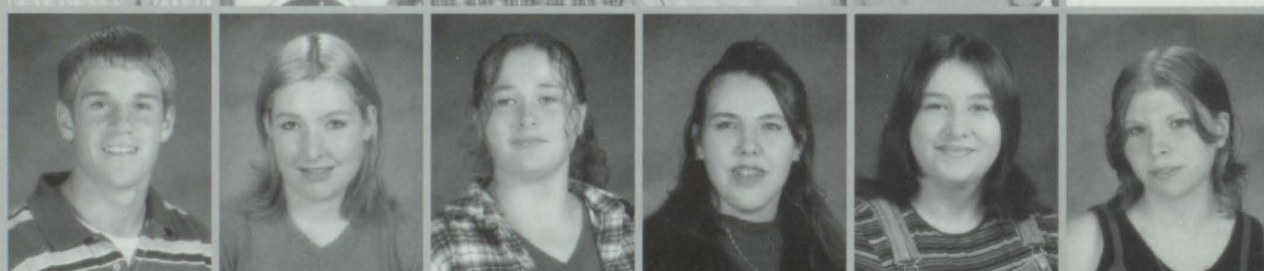
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Robert Pratt  
Shaun Prenger  
Derek Len Prim  
Kenneth Lee Proctor  
Rondel Pruett



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Christopher Qualls  
Jedediah Randa  
Christopher Rasmussen  
Taylor Rasmussen  
Whitney Ray  
Abigail Redford  
David Revelle



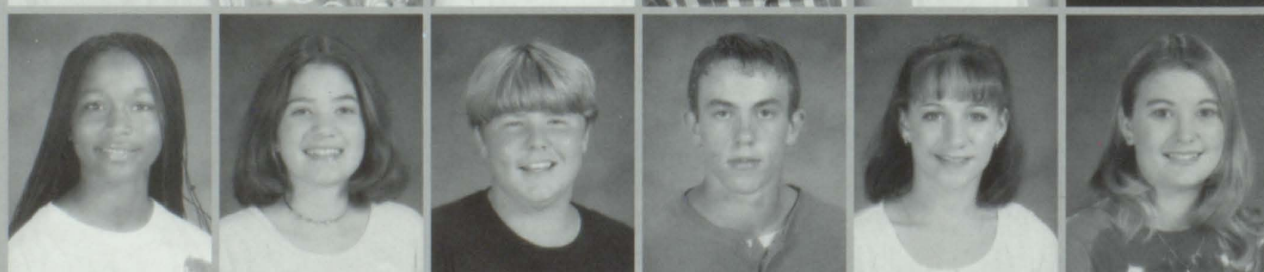
Stanley Revelle  
Tiffany Rhoads  
Lisa Rhody  
Amber Richardson  
Shannon Richardson  
Crystal Richmond  
Michael Ridenour  
Joshua Riggs



Adam Rivers  
Candace Rivers  
Myesha Roberts  
Robert Roberts  
Aurel Robertson  
Josh Robison  
Nicole Robison  
Jerrad Roehrs



Denise Ross  
Lauren Rossi  
Mikel Sadler  
Erick Schuermann  
Stacy Scott  
Jeri Searcy  
Sarah Seawel  
Andrew Shain





As time flies by sophomores realize what's important.

# Close to the heart

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Many keepsakes are memories from our childhood. Sophomore Matt Hillis has even kept his very first teddy bear. "I have kept my dress-up clothes from when I was little," sophomore Amanda Whittenburg said. Despite the lack of monetary value these treasures provide, most people hold on to these items because of their emotional ties. Keepsakes come in all sizes,

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"It was the best field trip I've ever had because we got to explore on our own, not in a group," sophomore Warren Kearbey said. Kearbey is holding a snake while on Mrs. Russell's summer school field



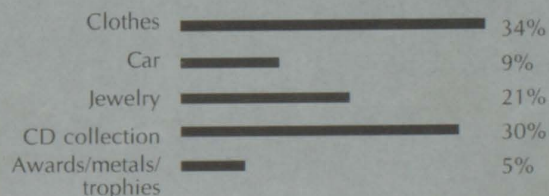
Doing last minute math homework, sophomores Stan Revelle, Megan Bridges, and Lauren Smith show off their class support by wearing red in the Class Wars during Spirit Week.



"We had to say the pledge to be inducted into Beta Club," sophomore Melissa Denton said. Melissa Denton, Elisha Younger, and Marie Hudson are new members of Beta Club. "It's an organization that helps the community," sponsor Mrs. Jarboe said.

## the SURVEY says...

What is the most valuable possession you own?



100 sophomores surveyed

CHES



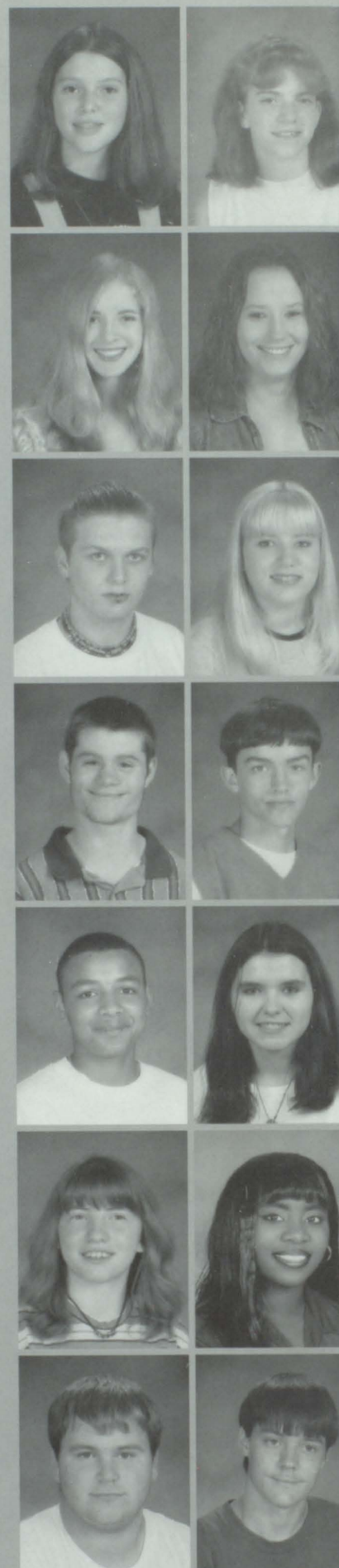
"Survival is making it through a night at the sectional football game without losing feeling in part of my body because it was so cold."

-Sophomore  
Lindsay Lovelace

survival



Sophomores Melanie Smith and Laura Hobbs enjoy a pleasant dinner at the Academic Letter Award Banquet. In order to receive an Academic Letter students must have a semester grade point average of 10.25. The Academic Assistance Group decorates and hosts the annual banquet to honor the students and present them their letter.



# the weekend that will NEVER come

Talking to their friends on the phone is what sophomores do to pass the time between weekends.

## Sophomores longest phone call



### weekend fanatic

As Monday rolls around, Angie Keifer is already counting down the days until Friday. "I live for the weekends when I get to go to parties and do things with all my friends," Keifer said. "Sometimes I even do things on the weekdays because I never see my boyfriend on weekends. I sneak out at night and skip school the next day to get some sleep." Keifer claims that the longest period she was away from home was three days. "One time I came home an hour late and my mom was waiting for me, so I set the clock back on my pager and told my mom I didn't know." Angie is a typical teenager who can't wait to get a short break from school.

1 hour	2%
2 hours	19%
3 hours	26%
4 hours	14%
5 hours	10%
6 hours	13%
7 hours	7%
8 or more hours	7%

### top 5 weekend activities

1. Hang out with friends
2. Work
3. Talk on the phone
4. Watch TV
5. Do homework

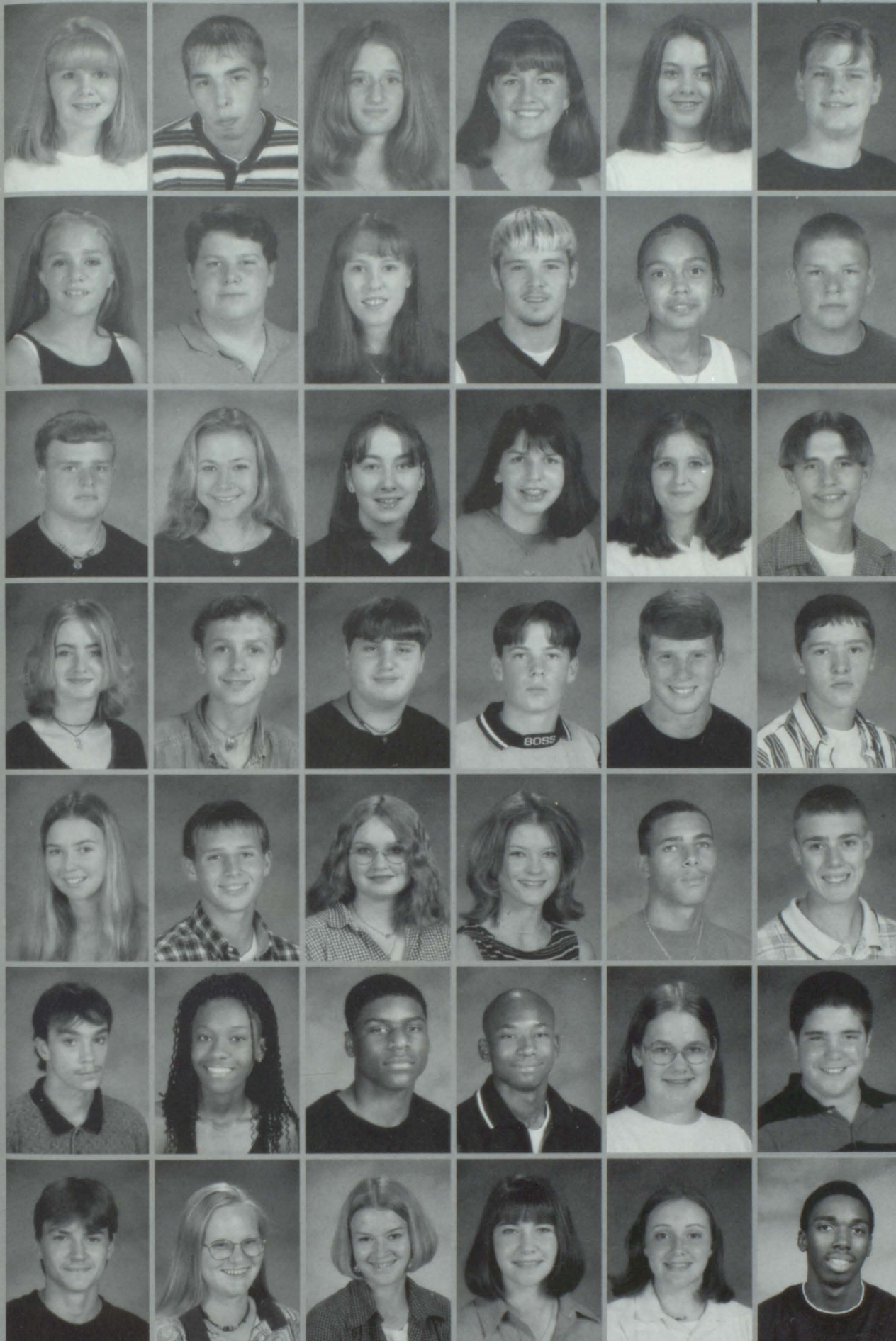
### top 5 weekday activities

1. Talk on the phone
2. Work
3. Do homework
4. Sports
5. Watch TV



# Class of 2001

*sophomores*



Jamie Shelton  
Adrienne Sinclair  
Stephanie Skorcz  
Brian Smith  
Dana Smith  
Lauren Smith  
Melanie Smith  
Steven Smith

Stacey Sparkman  
Amanda Sparks  
Jennifer Spell  
Kevin Spradling  
Amanda Srader  
Jason Stacy  
Mary Stadler  
Jared Stark

Ben Starnes  
Amanda Staten  
Jeremy Stenger  
Rose Stokely  
Melissa Stucker  
Amanda Sullivan  
Amanda Summerlott  
Jeremy Summers

Bobby Swafford  
Andrew Thompson  
Elizabeth Thompson  
Billy Thurman  
Joshua Thurner  
Matthew Tinnell  
Travis Tinsley  
Heath Treadway

Britney Turner  
Amanda Vickery  
Jamie Waddell  
April Walker  
Lindsay Walker  
Devante Wallace  
Matthew Walters  
Jennifer Ward

Munikua Watkins  
Shaun Weaver  
Angela Webb  
Brian Webb  
Ronnie Webb  
Ashley Weible  
Joshua Wells  
Ryan West

Hardy White  
Randolph White  
Ellen Whitmer  
B. J. Whitt  
Amanda Whittenburg  
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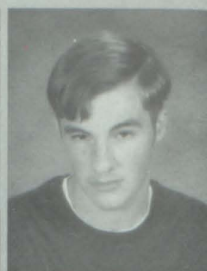
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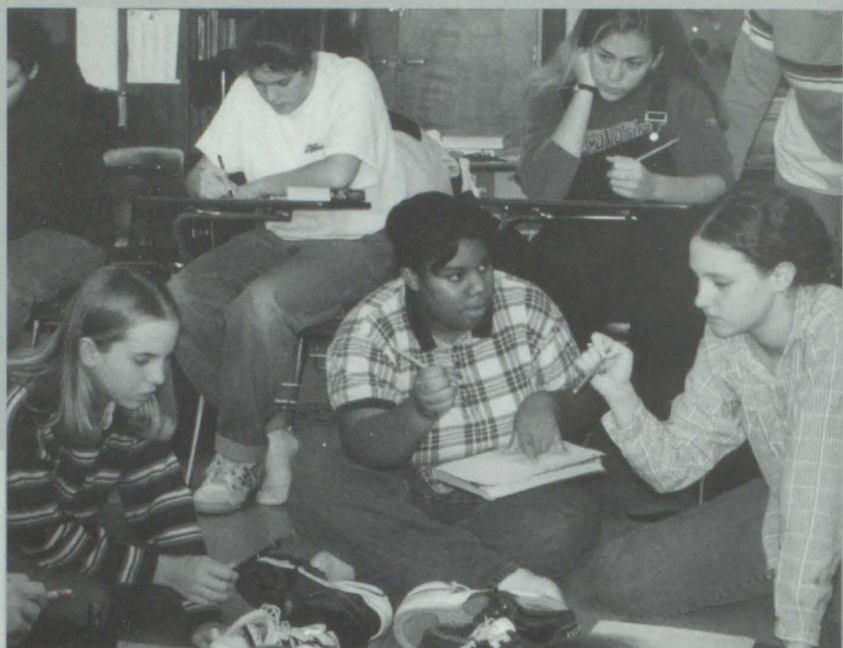
# Class of 2001

## sophomores

Chuck Williams  
Jessica Williams  
Latasha Williams  
William Wilson  
Adam Winberry  
Aaron Winchester  
Linda Winingear  
Justin Yeley



Elisha Younger



Sophomores Megan Bridges and Heather Mitchell of Ms. Hogg's seventh hour class discuss how each shoe is different. "Ms. Hogg tried to teach us how everything is characterized individually. Basically, though, I just learned that some people's feet stink," sophomore Heather Mitchell said.

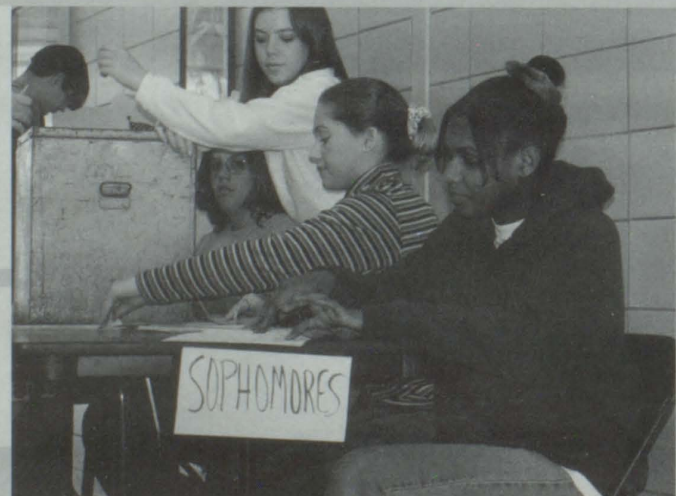
Sophomore YIELD members, Lauren Ormsby and Cindy Harrell concentrate on the morning's guest speaker. YIELD meets every Wednesday morning at 7:15 in Mrs. Worley's room. Due to the early meeting time, members struggle to keep in full attention.



Sophomores Mindy Gallamore and Heather Mitchell eat pizza and laugh during lunch. "I don't have many classes with my friend, so lunch is like a social hour on my schedule," Gallamore said.



Members of Mr. Henson's first hour contemporary issues class distributed ballots during mock elections. Sophomores voted in C building in between classes. "We went into our history class and our teacher just told us to go vote. I really didn't have much time to prepare my decisions, but hopefully when I can vote, I'll put a lot of effort in my decisions," sophomore Aaron Badgley said.

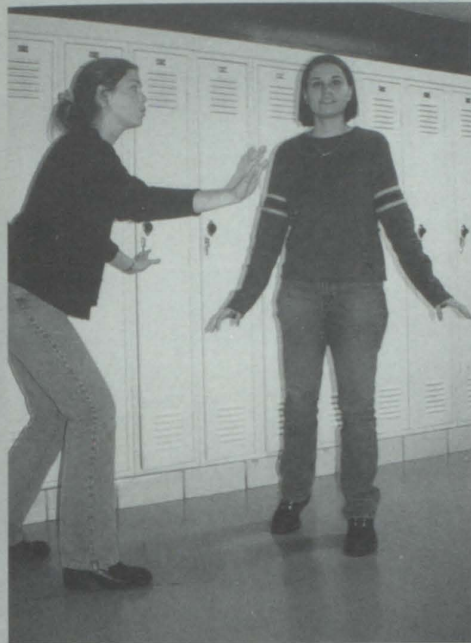
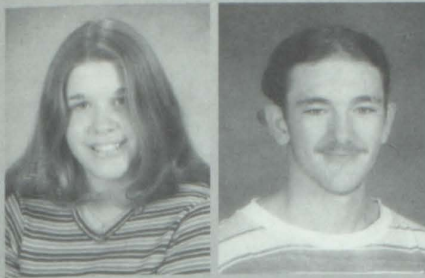


Sophomore Laura Hobbs works intently on producing her frou-frou project. "We had to base our frou-frou on one of Ben Franklin's quotes so I picked the shortest one so it would be the easiest," Hobbs said.





Sophomores find that responsibilities come with freedoms.



Sophomores Erin Duvall and Melissa Denton practice their duet, "Funeral Parlor," before a performance. "Our duet did not go over too well with the judges, so we only did it a few times. Melissa and I still had a lot of fun doing it though," Duvall said.

During Mrs. Judy Russell's class, senior Richard Russell and sophomore Kirk Murphy produce various bugs for a show. "I liked doing this project because it makes the class a lot more interesting. It was fun because we had more hands-on activity instead of regular class work," Murphy said.

Throughout the year the parking lot becomes more and more crowded as sophomores get their driver's licenses. Sophomores await the day they turn sixteen with much anxiety. Most kids rush up to the testing center on their birthdays as soon as they can. The main thought running through everyone's head, "Please let me pass, please let me pass." Sophomore Jeff Mannon said, "I was nervous, but it was easy." On the other hand though, some don't get nervous at all. Sophomore Melissa Denton said, "I didn't get my license until about three months after I turned sixteen, so I wasn't really all that nervous."

Everyone has a dream vehicle that they beg their parents for, but most teens just turning sixteen don't get it. Sophomore Shawn Cates said, "I wanted a Dodge Dakota, instead I got a Ford Ranger, but I'm okay with that." Most teenagers turning sixteen are just happy to get a car, no matter what it is.

However, many sopho-



To help her class win the Class War, sophomore Adrian Killian dresses in vintage clothing dating from the '60s. The percentage of students wearing their designated decade of clothing was tallied during lunch.

mores get cars all to themselves, others are forced to share a vehicle with an older sibling or a parent. "I have to share my car with my sister, Sarah, but we don't get into fights about it too much," Sophomore Tim Jarboe said.

Since sophomore year is the year in which most high school students get their licenses, while some students may have their licenses while their friends haven't gotten them yet. This is why full cars can always be seen leaving campus. "I always drive at least one of my younger friends home everyday," sophomore Erin Duvall said, "but that's what friends are for," she added.



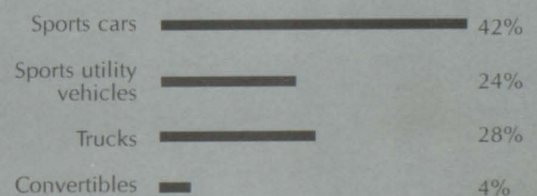
Freshman Samantha Boyer and sophomore Robert Roberts are sharing a laugh at an after school band practice. "I put a dent in the roof when I was throwing my rifle in the air. I made a quick scene," Boyer said.



Sophomore Jamie Waddell watches the action from the sideline. "After our games I was always exhausted so I'd usually lie down on the ground to watch the JV game," Waddell said.

## the SURVEY says...

What is your favorite type of car?



100 sophomores surveyed

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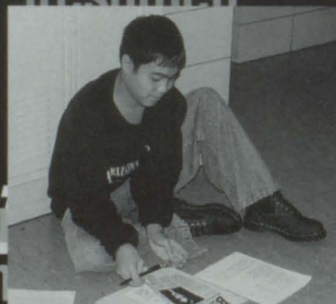




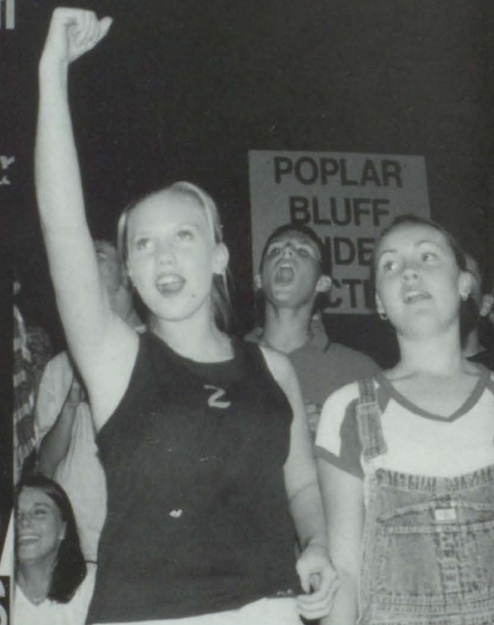
Freshman cheerleaders Joanne Huck and Leanne Magill base a stunt with Breanne Sharp up on top. "When we do stunts where we roll out of a prep it's pretty hard," Magill said. "We practice a lot for assemblies and most people probably don't notice that."



Ebony Stigall stands at attention while posting the colors for the JROTC colorguard. "It is fun as long as it's not cold, especially because manual arms hurts. (That's with rifles)," Stigall said. "All you have to do to be in it is volunteer, and you get to be in it if your commander thinks you're good enough. Our commander is Jeff Kanell."



Carlson Domingo sits in the hall, reading a Bluffer. "I was in Civics, and I was supposed to be taking a test," Domingo said. "But I was almost done, and they came out with the Bluffer, so I just thought I would take a break. Besides, I didn't figure that Coach Chronister would care. I finished my test when I was done reading the Bluffer."



Freshmen Jenna Magruder and Ashley Inman show their school spirit by cheering on the Mules at a home football game. "I really love going to the football games," Magruder said. "They're so much fun because everybody has a lot of spirit, and comes out to support the Mules. I went to almost every single game this year." "I really love going to the games, too," Inman added. "Everything was great—the touchdowns, the victories, but I really had fun at homecoming."



freshmen



The freshmen class officers are: Secretary Jessica Wilson, Vice-President Shannon Huett, President R.W. Harty, and Treasurer Kylie Alexander. "I figured I'd win the election because I was more of a people person than my opponenets," Harty said. "I talked to a lot of people, and that was more important than putting up signs. We haven't really been doing too much until now. We're planning the freshman dance," Wilson is also getting involved in the planning. "It's going to be really time consuming," Wilson added. "I hope the dance turns out really well, though." All the officers agreed that it will be hard work, but they hope to have a successful dance.



# Class of 2002

## *freshmen*

Kara Abney  
Joey Adkins  
Kylie Alexander  
Leisa Alexander  
Randy Alexander  
Patrick Amelio  
Douglas Anglim  
Samuel Armes



Matthew Atteberry  
Kristen Babcock  
Tyler Bader  
Amy Baker  
James Baker  
Larissa Baker  
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Samantha Barbalena



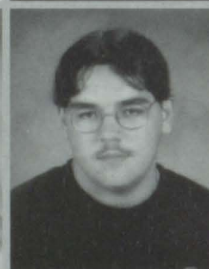
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Adam Barks  
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Derek Barnett  
Ruth Barr  
Caleb Batson  
Timothy Bauman



Amanda Berry  
Chad Berry  
Chris Berry  
Tyler Berry  
Eric Blaich  
Laura Blancett  
Jordan Da Bock  
Samantha Boyer



Ashleigh Boyet  
Amanda Braden  
Ashley Bradley  
Richard Breckenridge  
Joseph Bringer  
Shannon Britton  
Latisha Brooks  
Christopher Brown



Corey Brown  
Lindsay Brown  
Ben Brumitt  
Amy Buckley  
Ronald Burgess  
Tiffany Calhoun  
Monica Cantrell  
William Cantrell

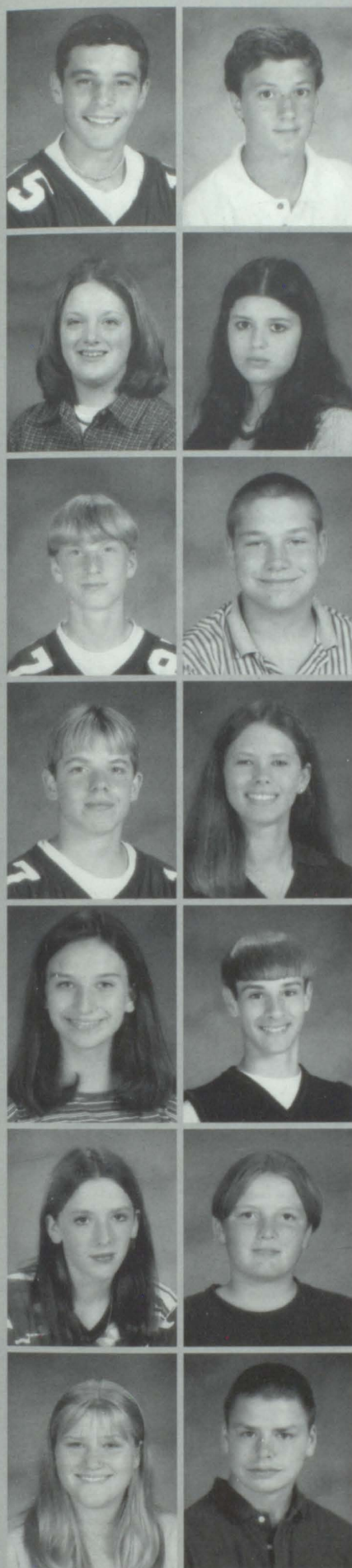


James Carman  
Catherine Carter  
Clayton Cassidy  
Amanda Caudel  
Jackie Chaffee  
Brock Chamberlain  
Mindy Chotrow  
Robert Christian





Despite many worries, incoming freshmen survive the first scary day.



# The fears of rookies

"Do you want to buy an elevator pass?" This is just one of the many trick questions heard throughout the crowded halls on the first day of school. The confused freshmen, filled with a mixture of first-day excitement and butterflies, either stammer inaudible answers or roll their eyes in response.

The first day of high school is always a little scary for every freshman. The main worry of freshmen is getting lost. Though the freshman orientation, which was held the week before, included a full tour of the campus, the halls still surround the freshmen like a maze as they desperately try to remember each building's name.

The upperclassmen add to their worries by giving them wrong directions, such as telling them that room 319 is in the bottom of "A" building. "I was scared of getting lost and of what the upperclassmen were going to do to me," freshman Joanne Huck said.

Although the majority of

the freshmen are worried about getting lost, there are some who have different worries. "The only thing about high school that worried me was whether or not there would be any cute upperclassmen," freshman Celia Lamar said.

After the first week of school is over, they look back and realize that being a freshman isn't all that big of a deal. "I had my entire schedule memorized by the end of the first week, though I was sure that I wouldn't be able to remember it at first," freshman Austin Lampe said. "Sometimes I think that I worried too much about the whole thing."



"Being in Drama is an exciting opportunity for students," freshman Amanda Berry said. "While practicing a story called 'Love You Forever,' I learned that it doesn't matter what people think, as long as you have a great time."



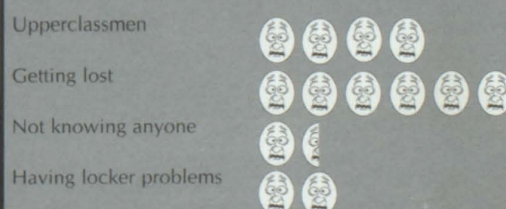
Freshman Rachel Grady helps the new Spanish teacher, Ms. Knapp, take roll at the beginning of the year. "Being a new teacher, Ms. Knapp didn't know all the students, so I decided to help her," Grady said.



At the first coed FCA meeting, freshman Alisha Ezell is chosen as one of the unknown new members to play the Gorilla game. "Playing the game was great, because it gave the club a funny way to meet the other members," Ezell said.

## the SURVEY says ...

What did you worry about most on the first day of school?



100 freshmen surveyed

Each face represents seven students.

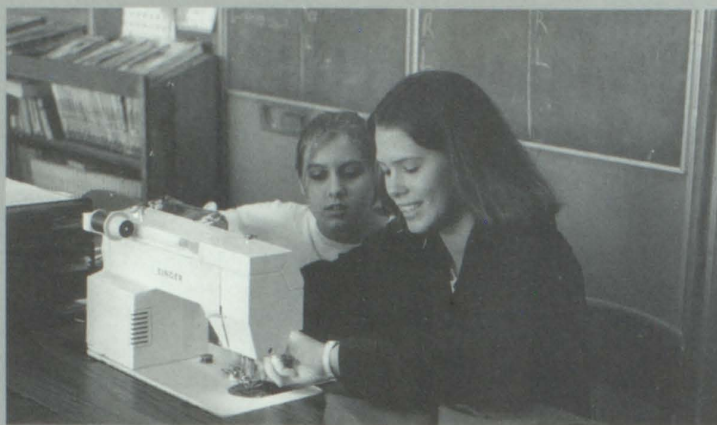
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"Survival is living through two weeks of twelve-hour band practices this summer."

-Freshman  
Jeremy  
Carmen

# Survival



Freshman Samantha Boyers helps fellow student Kathy Lang sew a pair of khakis for home ec class. "I've had home ec for three years and know how to sew, so I was glad to help Kathy by showing her how to thread the machine. Home ec students always end up making something they can really wear, like shorts or pajamas."

# always looking for an EASY way out

Freshmen learned that getting by teachers is hard, but coming up with a good excuse has proved to be the most exciting part.

**Q:** What's your favorite excuse for not doing your homework?

**A:** "What homework?" -freshman Ryan Elsworth

"I ran out of paper." -freshman Ashley Watson

"I had a dream I was doing my homework, so therefore I actually did do it - in an imaginary sense."

-freshman Margaret Thomas



## excuse fanatic

"I've been late to second hour about 20 times this year because I have P.E. first hour," freshman Caleb Batson said. "I always come up with some dumb excuse and they always believe it. Last week I told my teacher that the reason why I was late was because the stapler I was trying to use didn't work and for some reason she believed it."

"Yesterday, (Batson) was late and Coach didn't give him a pass to class," freshman Josh Stewart said, "so he handed the teacher his combination to his locker on a sheet of paper and said, 'That's the closest thing I have to a pass.' She didn't accept it but she didn't give him a tardy. I swear, he gets away with everything."

**Q:** What's your favorite excuse for being tardy?

**A:** "Aliens abducted me and shoved me in a locker."

-freshman Chad Berry

"I was attacked by a grizzly bear."

-freshman Eric Wykowski

"I tripped and hurt my ankle and I had to limp through the hall."

-freshman Jeff Tyler

**Q:** What's your favorite way to get out of class?

**A:** "Hey teacher, #?@\$!! That always seems to get you out of class."

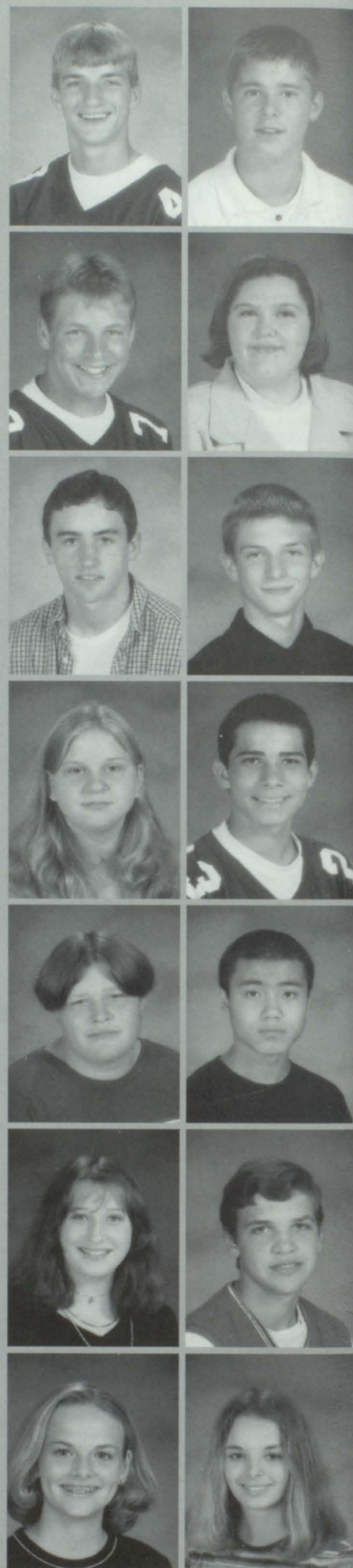
-freshman Jared Whelan

"Get a pass from my mom."

-freshman Corey Brown

"I told my teacher one time when it was raining that I left my car windows down and she let me out of class to roll them up. I don't even have my license."

-freshman Matt Mobley





# Class of 2002

## *freshmen*

Christopher Clark  
Ryan Clark  
Zachary Clark  
Lisa Clemons  
James Clifford  
Eric Cobb  
Katie Cockerill  
Crystal Cole

Bryce Colvin  
Meredith Condon  
Thomas Conner  
Benjamin Cook  
LanceCravens  
Travis Wayne Critchfield  
MichelleCrook  
Chris Crowley

Michael Crunk  
Matthew Curtner  
Kristen Daggett  
Miri Darpian  
Josh Darnell  
Ashley Davis  
Michael Davis  
Susan Davis

Eda Deaton  
Steven Deaton  
Nathan Dee  
Ashley Deem  
Travanti Dirkach  
Crystal Divine  
Cynthia Divine  
Jessica Dodd

Christopher Dollins  
Carlson Domingo  
Johnna Douglas  
Stephanie Douglas  
Brian Dragon  
Rachael Dugan  
Amy Duncan  
Ted Duncan

Tambera Dunivan  
Jon Dunlap  
Jerime Edwards  
Dan Elder  
Darren Elder  
Ashley Ellison  
Roger Elsworth  
Ryan Elsworth

Rachel Emerson  
Traci English  
Derek Evans  
Chad Everett  
Alisha Ezell  
Andrea Ferguson  
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Michael Fields

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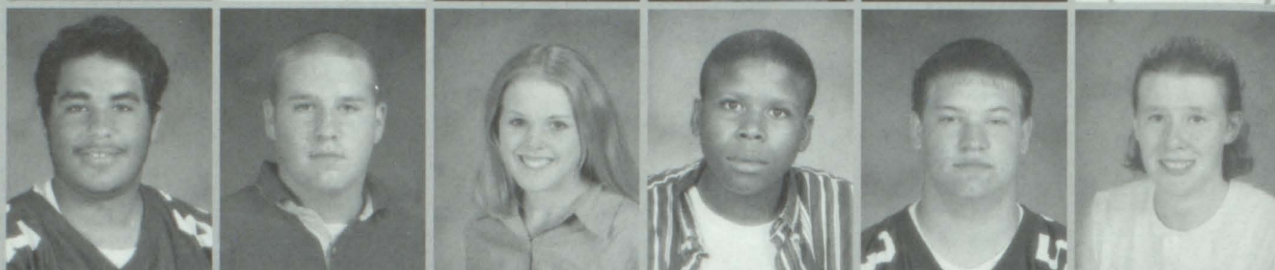
# Class of 2002

## *freshmen*

Heidi Fiske  
Cynathena Forsythe  
Justin Foust  
Steven Fowler  
Ralph Francis  
Billie Jo Franklin  
Casey Garrison  
James Freeman



Anthony Gibson  
James Gill  
Erin Gillis  
Joe Gilmore  
Joshua Goodrich  
Amanda Goodwin  
Ronnie Gordon  
Rachel Grady



Seth Gragg  
Jessica Gray  
Lauren Gray  
Ashley Green  
Jessica Green  
Charles Greer  
James Greer  
Melody Grobe



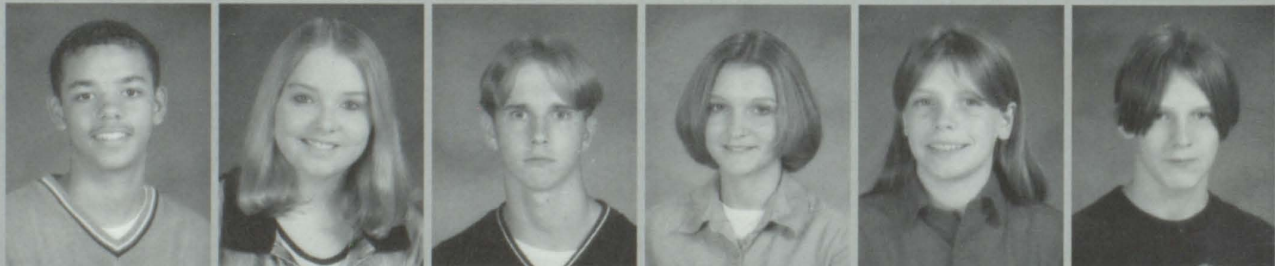
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Samuel Gullett  
Benjamin Haas  
Sarah Hale  
Brett Hall/Jason Hall  
Courtney Hampton  
Samantha Handley



Greg Hansbrough  
Jenna Harlan  
Ashley Harley  
Denise Harley  
Todd Harley  
Heather Harris  
Jamie Harris  
Michael Harris



Dwight Harrison  
Krystle Hart  
Ron Harty  
Tasha Hastings  
Jamie Hays  
Nathan Hays  
Shelly Hays  
Tonya Hensley



Matthew Hess  
Joey Hessling  
Danny Hicks  
Tequila Higgins  
Brian Hill  
Darren Hillis  
Steven Hillis  
Jessica Hogg





Freshmen work hard to excell at new as well as old sports.

# A new look at athletics

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sophomores

freshmen



Six a.m. practices, long seasons, August heat, and late night bus rides all come with high school sports participation. Dedication is required in order to excell in high school athletics.

Freshmen soon realize that the high school athletic program is very different from the one at the junior high. "In junior high, the season was shorter and we played fewer teams," freshman Sarah Swiney said. "There is more competition between the players, so this makes practices very intense," freshman Jenny Schiwinger said.

Numerous fall and spring sports make it necessary for a students to choose which sport to play. "I had to run track for two years in junior high, and then I had to make the decision on whether to continue with track or play baseball my freshman year. I chose baseball because I think I have more potential in it," sophomore Eric Schuermann said.

"Two years of junior high

volleyball was fun," freshman Erin Gillis said, "but I chose to play tennis once I got to high school because my dad was a tennis player and he encouraged me to play."

Still other freshmen decide not to play sports at all in high school. "I've played softball for years," freshman Abby Warner said, "but I decided not to play for the high school my freshman year because I wanted to get used to high school first."

Despite the demands of high school sports, PBHS students are making the transition with ease. Their high spirits and good work ethic combine to make winning teams.



Freshman Ben Haas stands between other soccer players, watching the action on the field. "I was lucky because I got varsity playing time as a freshman," Haas said. "I like it that freshmen can play if they're talented enough," he



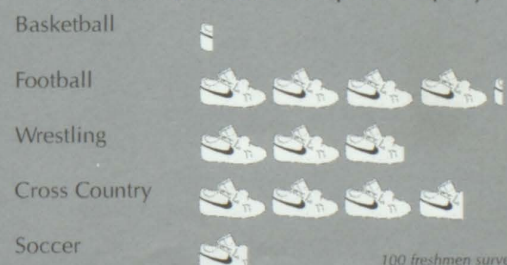
Freshmen Megan Myatt, Leanne Magill and Darren Hillis chat at the FCA pool party. "There were a lot more people than anyone expected, but everyone had a blast. We got wet whether we wanted to or not," Hillis said.



On the bus on the way to a speech tournament, freshman Cassie Kelley times her dramatic interpretation. "We're allowed only a certain amount of time to perform our piece," Kelley said. "If we go over we have less of a chance of placing."

## the SURVEY says ...

What is the hardest sport to play?



100 freshmen surveyed

Each shoe represents seven students.



"Survival is getting up in the morning and making it to school on time without being counted tardy."

-freshman Samantha Barbelena

# Survival



Freshman Jennifer Strickland laughs with freshmen Amy Duncan and McKenzie Barker in the halls between class. "We always gossip about people between classes. I never go to class without walking and talking with someone," Strickland said. "Sometimes I'll have a long story to tell them and I'll be late for my next class, but it's never too bad," she added.

## looking toward the SILVER screen

Freshmen found an easy escape from the new pressures of high school in their favorite movies, and enjoyed the show.

Q: What's your favorite movie and why?

"*Mulan*, because she fought for what she believed in."

-freshman Sarah Walsh

"*Spaceballs*, because it is a Mel Brooks film and all his are funny."

-freshman Chad Lampe

"*True Lies*, because it stars Arnold Schwarzenager, and he's cool."

-freshman Dustin Ramsey

Q: What's your favorite actor or actress and why?

"Jonathon Taylor Thomas because he is gorgeous."

-freshman Brianne Sharp

"Pamela Anderson Lee because she is one of the best looking actresses ever, and Jim Carrey because he's so stupid."

-freshman Derek Evans

"Nicholas Cage because he has a really funny personality."

-freshman Jeff Tyler

Q: What's the movie that you have seen the most times?

"When I got *Independence Day*, I watched it every day for two months."

-freshman Brye Colvin

"I have seen *Now and Then* eight times. I like it because it deals with guy and girl relationships."

-freshman Heather Banks

"I saw *Titanic* fifteen times. I would always see it at the late show, because it's so long that I would get to stay out later."

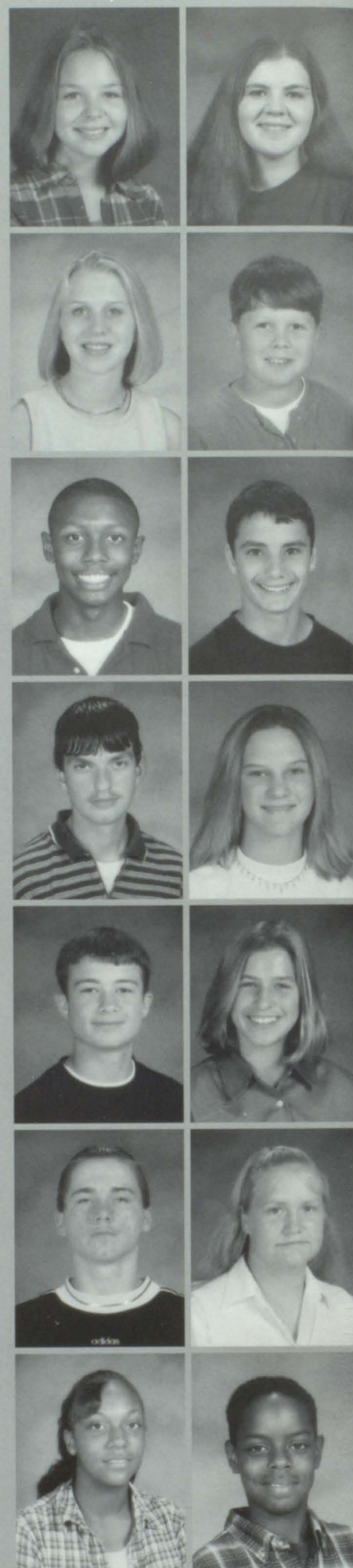
-freshman Tina Smith



### movie fanatic

"I've seen *Friday* at least twelve times. I know everything that's gonna happen, it's still so funny every time!" freshman Ashley Thomas said. "My favorite part is when Ezell caught Smokey on the side of the house. Oh, and I love the part when his car won't stop and he has to use his shoe for a brake."

"My family and I used to rent it a couple of times a month because we thought it was so funny. The first time I saw it I was with my godsister and her friend. They had already seen it, and they kept saying the funny lines before they happend. I finally had to tell them to shut up so we could watch the movie. That still didn't ruin it, though."





# Class of 2002

## *freshmen*



Shelley Hoja  
Autumn Holbrook  
Matthew Holland  
Damien Holloway  
Corey Hooker  
Travis Hooper  
Leeann Hopson  
David Huber

Joanne Huck  
Robert Huddleston  
April Hudgens  
Shannon Huett  
Chris Hulan  
Lavanue Hunter  
Ashley Inman  
Amy Irlas

Brandon Johnson  
Dusty Johnson  
Gregory Johnson  
Michael Johnson  
Evan Jolly  
Brian Kearbey  
Cassandra Kelley  
Lisa Kelley

Charles Kelly  
Christina Kelly  
Jessica Kennedy  
Nathan Killpack  
Jeremy Kime  
Ian Kinder  
Rustin Kinder  
Amy Kingery

Jonathan Kingery  
Mimi Kingery  
Cassie Kinney  
Donald Kipper  
Walter Knox  
Crystal Koonce  
Jessica Krato  
Cynthia Kubik

Jesse Lacey  
Amanda Lacy  
Celia Lamar  
Austin Lampe  
Chad Lampe  
Kathy Lane  
Bob Larkins  
Samantha Larue

Georganne Lasley  
George Lasley  
Larry Leeds  
John Lewis  
Danelle Lindsay  
Colby Link  
Jacob Link  
Joshua Longhibler

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# Class of 2002

## *freshmen*

Colt Losh  
Jody Losh  
Joshua Love  
Matt Luecke  
Natalie Macdonald  
Ryan Maddox  
Jason Magill  
Jeffrey Magill



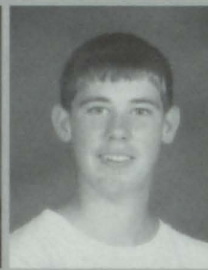
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April Martin  
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Adam Mathias



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Ashley McCauley  
Nikikia McClure  
Edward McComb  
Jennifer McElhaney



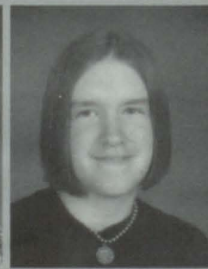
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Jon Merrell  
Larissa Merritt  
Charles Million  
Terry Mizell  
Matthew Mobley  
Jacqueline Montezuma



Crystal Montgomery  
Albert Moore  
Chris Moore  
Carrie Morgan  
Ashley Morse  
Maurice Moss  
Kelly Murphy  
Megan Myatt



Robby Nations  
Anthony Neel  
Christopher Nelson  
Tara Nelson  
Christopher Nely  
Matthew Nely



10/23/83- 4/11/99 Gayle Lynn Nidiffer  
Ben Nobles

Shera Norman  
Rhett Nunn  
Laura Nunnery  
Demerus Ordway  
Shevon Ordway  
Stacy Parker  
Larry Parks  
Laura Patty





Amid heavy schedules, freshmen find a half hour to relax.

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# A much needed break

Every day at exactly 11:27, when the first of three lunch bells rings, the hallways are transformed into a whirlwind of students racing towards the lunch lines. Why the rush? The earlier students get to the beginning of the lines, the sooner they are able to get their food, sit down, and begin talking with friends. "The best thing about lunch is being able to sit down and talk to everyone," freshman Ben Brummet said. "And the longer you take to get there, the longer you have to wait in line, and the less time you have to talk to your friends," he added. To many students, lunch is like half an hour off, with no assignments, books, or teachers.

Most students spend anywhere from \$1.25 to as much as \$3.00 each day on their lunches. "I always buy french fries and carrots, so I always spend \$1.50," freshman Lindsay Brown said.

The lunch room has recently added a new pizza line. This was intended to give the stu-

dents a wider variety of pizza. All of the pizza is now prepared and cooked at the school, as opposed to the previous year, when it was brought in from Little Caesar's. Breadsticks are also made in the new ovens in the lunch room.

Some freshmen don't spend their lunch in the lunch room, they go to room 129 to have Bible Study during A lunch. There, students eat and discuss passages from the Bible. "I like to go to Bible study because it is a good way to praise God but I also like it because it is a good way to get out of the crowded lunch room," freshman Chad Lampe said.



"Gooo MULES!" is heard from the crowded band section of the football games. Some of the devoted fans who also happen to be Sho-Me Band members are freshmen Sheila Wallace and Nikikia McClure.



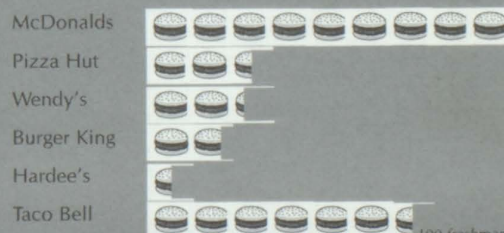
Using her lunch time as a time to unwind, freshman Jamie Harris visits with her friends. "The first week of school was very different for me and I remember that it was real easy to get lost," Harris said.



Taking an opportunity to earn some extra credit in her biology class, freshman Michelle Crook volunteers to help out at the concession stand during the first home basketball game of the season. Mr. Sonny Rickman, her science teacher, also runs the concession stand.

## the SURVEY says...

If we could have one restaurant serve lunch on campus which one would you pick?



100 freshmen surveyed

Each hamburger represents four students



"To survive  
your freshman  
year, my  
advice is to  
just keep your  
eyes on the  
upperclass-  
men guys and  
you'll be  
fine." -  
freshman  
Katie Cockerill

## Survival



During Ms. Sitze's second hour mixed choir class, juniors Heather Ballew and Joe Wise study their sheet music of a song that the choir is practicing for a performance. "I really enjoy being in mixed choir because of the songs that we sing, but mostly I like the class because of the leadership of Ms. Sitze. She is a great teacher," Wise said.

## using clothing as a way to EXPRESS yourself

Many different styles of fashion can be found in the freshman halls. This reflects the large number of unique individuals who sport them.

**Q:**

Do you think that people are obsessed with their looks?

**A:** "Yes, because I always see people putting on makeup and looking in the mirror during class."

-freshman Michael Johnson

"Yes, because I always hear people talking about what they are wearing or what other people are wearing."

-freshman Ted Duncan

## fashion fanatic



"Fashion is something that people use to express themselves," freshman Kristen Daggett said. "I think I'm really different from everyone else, so I guess that's why I don't dress like everyone else. It kinda makes me stick out. I don't like regular people's clothes. My mom doesn't like my clothes, though. Every day she says she's going to burn them. So, I have to pay for all my own shirts."

"I usually shop at Spencer's because I buy band shirts like Nirvana and Korn. I wear a lot of black, too. My favorite jewelry is usually silver and I wear rings with male/female signs on them."

**Q:**

What is your favorite brand of clothing and why?

**A:** "Dockers because they are really comfortable."

-freshman Tonya Hensley

"Polo because I just love the shirts."

-freshman Robbie Nations

"Lucky Jeans because they are comfortable and stylish."

-freshman Ben Haas

**Q:**

What's a clothing style that is unique to you?

**A:** "Breezy style. Anything goes and anything matches. Hawaiian shirts and khakis and some sandals works for me."

-freshman Sarah Walsh

"Stoner big. I like my clothes halfway hanging off of me."

-freshman Richard Breckenridge

"Whatever I feel like. Most of the time this turns out to be a t-shirt and jeans."

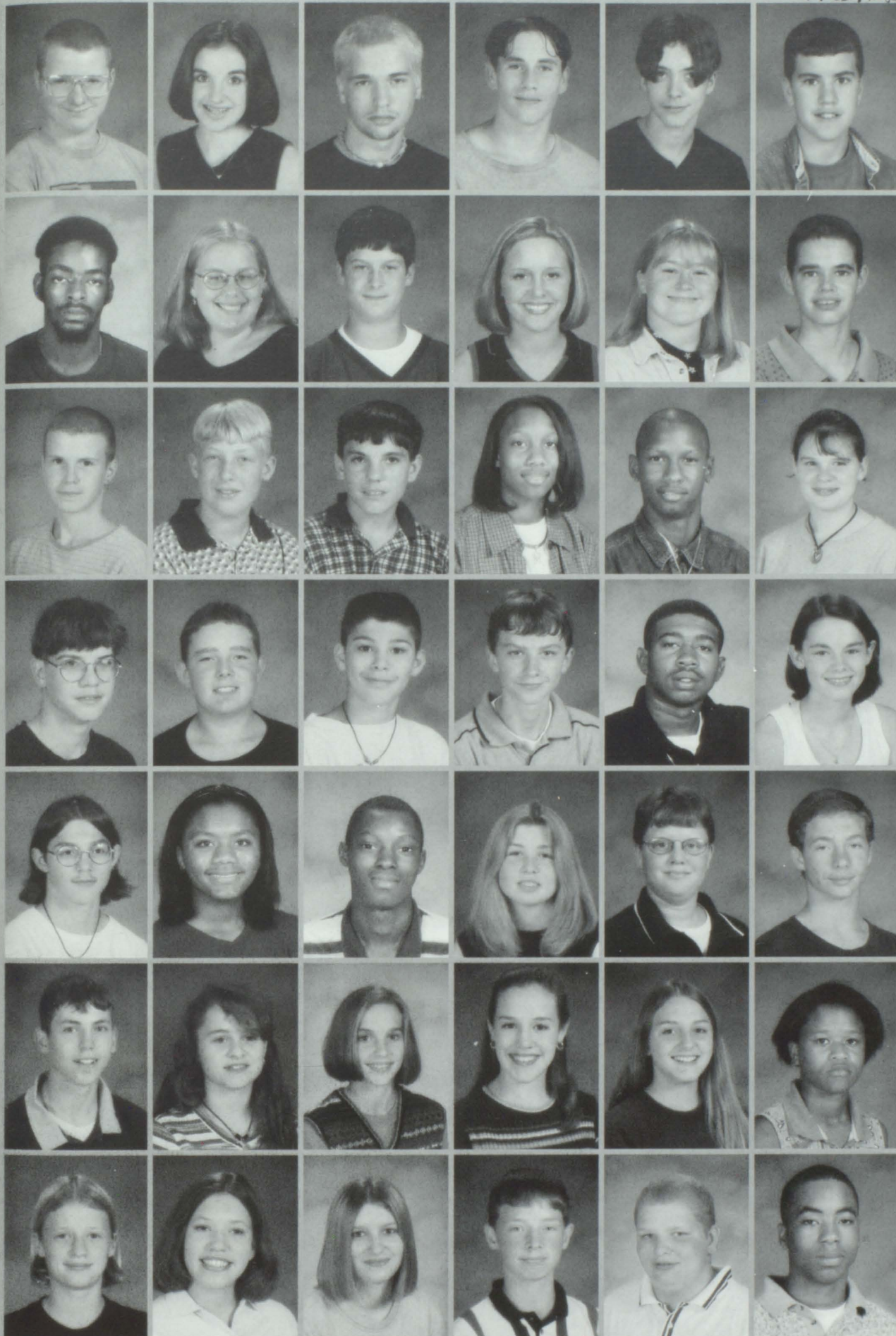
-freshman Neil McVey





# Class of 2002

## *freshmen*



Heather Payne  
Walter Peick  
Curtis Pennington  
Heather Pennington  
Andrew Perkins  
Charles Peters  
Steven Pickard  
Derek Pierce

Teresa Potter  
Cynthia Powell  
Marcus Powell  
Ashley Pratt  
Aaron Prejean  
Lauren Preslar  
Kylee Pretz  
Dennis Priest

John Proctor  
Jason Pruett  
Terry Pullum  
Jerad Pyles  
Dustin Ramsey  
Heather Raney  
Hurley Raney  
Melinda Raymer

Maegan Reagan  
Jamie Fearn  
Brian Reed  
Michael Reeder  
Joseph Revelle  
Adam Reynolds  
John Richie  
Brandi Ridenour

Jera Ridens  
Jamie Rivas  
Kory Rivas  
Nicole Rivers  
Sean Roberts  
Ashley Robertson  
Travis Robertson  
Shawn Robinson

Kimberly Rozman  
Jeffrey Running  
Anthony Sandus  
Carrie Scarlet  
Jennifer Schiwinger  
Breanne Sharp  
Amanda Shaw  
Aleasha Sherrod

Ashley Shivley  
Heather Shivley  
Jenae Sisson  
Christina Smith  
Crystal Smith  
Heath Smith  
Martin Smith  
Michael Smith

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"Survival is getting through band camp with swollen legs and sunburnt arms because of an allergic reaction to the sun." -

freshman  
Corey Brown

# Survival



In preparation for cheering at a junior varsity basketball game, freshman Jessica Hogg stretches her legs while she visits with the rest of the freshman cheerleading squad. "Cheering is cool because I get to have fun with my friends, but it is also a sport in that we practice hard and preform our best," Hogg said. The cheerleading squad cheered during and between all home and away games.

## always rooting for the HOME team

Though many freshmen played at least one sport, many more liked to watch different kinds of sports as well.

Q: A:

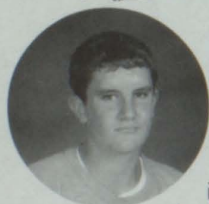
What's your favorite sport and why?

"Definitely boxing, because it is a lot more rough and has more upper body contact than most other sports."

-freshman Chris Nely

Putt-putt golf is my favorite sport because of all the cool little windmills."

-freshman Doug Anglim



### soccer fanatic

"I like soccer more than anything because the conditioning is the hardest thing I've ever done," freshman Karl Wampler said. "We have to do sixty-second laps around the field, and seven-minute miles in the middle of practice."

"I've been playing soccer since first or second grade. My favorite position to play is keeper, because it's harder than the others. I have to work more, and also feel more responsible when you screw up."

"The best professional sports game I've been to was a San Jose Clash home game. The crowd was really loud, and it was really cool."

Q: A:

What's your favorite professional sports team or player?

"I really like wrestling because that guy, the Rock, is really hot."

-freshman BJ Franklin

"Tiger Woods is cool because he is really good at golf. Only I could beat him."

-freshman Derek Barnett

"Dallas Cowboys because they all are cute." -freshman Carrie Scott

Q: A:

If you could invent a sport, what would it be?

"Kickin Balls. You would have to kick a volleyball over a net."

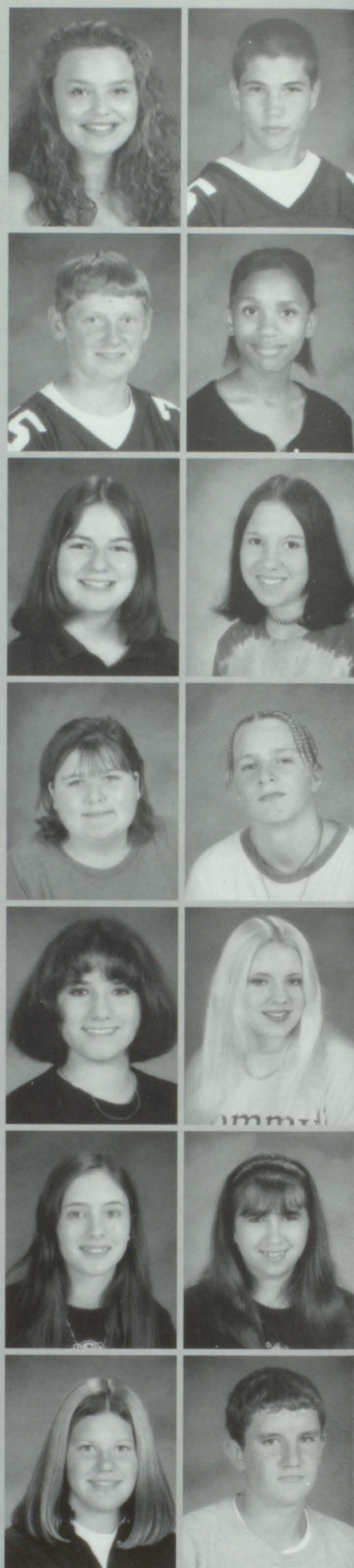
-freshman Heather Payne

"Beat the Seniors. All the seniors would be in a room, and we'd tag them with whiffle bats and then they would have to go stand in a corner."

-freshman Rhett Nunn

"Man Aerobics. Just to see guys in spandex would be worth it."

-freshman Samantha LaRue





# Class of 2002

## *freshmen*



Monica Smith  
Stephen Smith  
Nicholas Somers  
Thomas Stadler  
Paige Stanfill  
William Starks  
Adam Steiger  
Nathan Steward

Joshua Stewart  
Ebony Stigall  
Stefanie Stonecipher  
Jessica Stout  
Justin Stratton  
September Strickland  
Jennifer Stricklin  
Mary Ann Stucker

Rosetta Stucker  
Jennifer Sullivan  
Justin Summers  
James Sutton  
Jesse Sutton  
Sarah Suvan  
Sara Swiney  
Adam Taylor

Janice Taylor  
Kelly Taylor  
Lori Taylor  
Kyle Teague  
Monta Terhune  
Amy Thomas  
Ashley Thomas  
Margaret Thomas

Ashley Thurner  
Stephanie Tipton  
Bradley Toole  
Christina Torres  
Chris Trout  
Rebekah Tuck  
Lauren Turpin  
Jeffery Tyler

Shannon Uhl  
Jennifer Urena  
Austin Urich  
Benjamin Walker  
Jodie Walker  
Shon Lee Walker  
Lopez Wallace  
Sheila Wallace

Sarah Walsh  
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Ashley Watson

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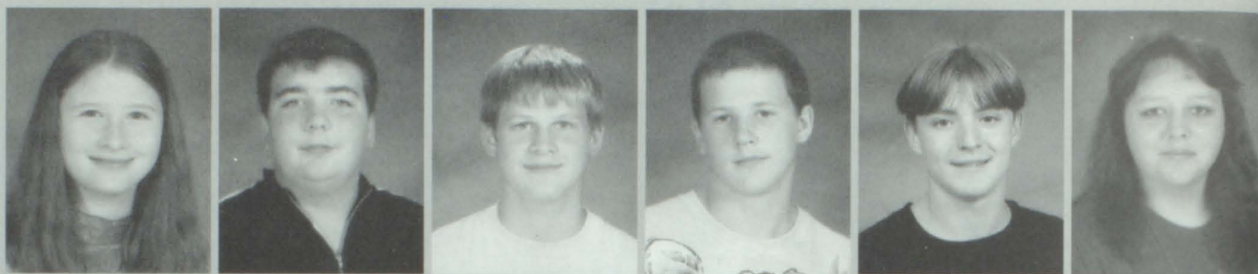
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# Class of 2002

## freshmen

Victoria Webb  
John Wells  
Jared Whalen  
Shawn White  
Chad White  
Crystal Whitworth  
Lindsey Wickham  
Ashley Williams



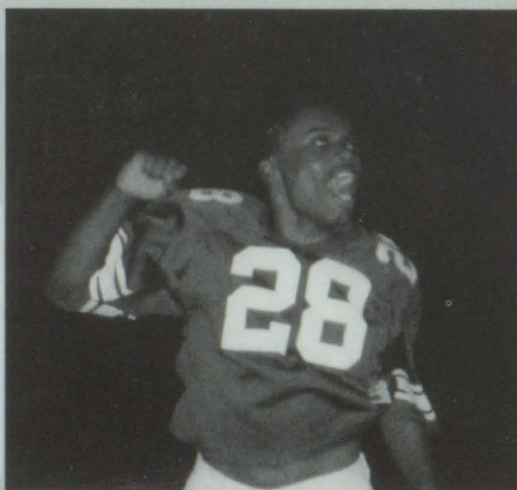
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John Williams  
Justin Williams  
Latoya Williams  
Jessica Wilson  
Kristen Wilson  
Alicia Wisdom



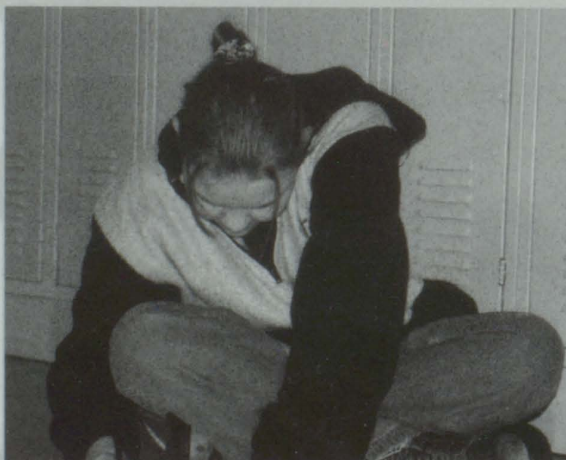
Whitney Woods  
Stefanie Woodsmall  
Eric Wykowski  
Shannon Yeager  
Ashley Young  
Kyle Young  
Michael Zuniga



Freshman fullback Bob Larkins raises his hand in cheer as the freshman football team makes one more touchdown. The freshmen played a season that has almost become a tradition over the last few years- they lose one or two games and win the rest of them. With more than the average number of wins under their belts, the freshman football team drew larger crowds than those which attended the games in previous years.



When classroom space is at a premium, the hallway will always do. In fact, some students prefer working on the floor over desktops. Freshman Paige Stanfill finds the peace and quiet needed to study in the halls.



YIELD members Jessica Wilson, Erin English, Jenna McGruder and Natalie McDonald participate in a warm-up exercise during the early Wednesday morning meeting. YIELD members meet weekly to study, sing praise worship songs, lead devotions and pray. A frequent prayer request is for help with vocab tests.





The freshmen either accept or challenge the required study halls.



Class of 2002

# The question of necessity

A visual picture of paper airplanes may come to mind when thinking of the typical study hall class. All freshmen are required to enroll in a study hall class to help them deal with the transition of entering high school. Many students appreciate the benefits that a study hall has to offer, while others feel that these required classes are useless. "I like having a study hall because I always get all my homework done that way. If I forget to do an assignment, I can quickly finish it up before that class," freshman McKenzie Barker said. "I usually use my study hall as a way to catch up on my sleep, so I like it a lot - it's kinda like my hour off," freshman Ed McComb said. However, some students still wonder why study hall is a requirement. "A whole class period is way too long to just sit there and not talk or anything. Sometimes I think that they just don't know where else to put us," freshman Chris Crowley said. "I think that it isn't right to assume that all freshmen

don't know how to study and therefore need a study hall. My study habits are what they should be. I earned A's all through junior high and now I have to be stuck with an hour of sitting around doing nothing, simply because I am a freshman," freshman Ben Haas said.

Although study halls have, in the past, been required for all freshmen, some students are able to get around having to sign up for one. "I don't have a study hall because I took journalism instead, which is a lot more interesting. I'm kinda glad that I don't have one because I am doing just fine without one," freshman Abby

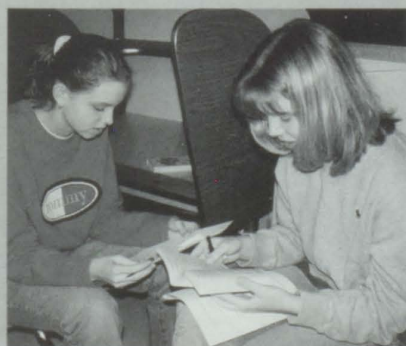


During a drama trip freshman Shanon Hewitt practices her piece on the bus. "It's weird going to competitions because everyone is standing up rehearsing and talking to themselves," Hewitt said.



While waiting for school to begin, freshmen Rachel Dugan and Crystal Koonce share a laugh in the student center. Many students can be found in the student center and hallways before school.

Each class has its own "place" to sit during assemblies in the gym. Freshmen, of course, have the least desirable - the far southwest corner, closest to the band. Each year the upperclassmen take great delight in taunting the underclassmen and shouting "Go home, freshmen, go home!" This year, the upperclassmen went so far as to completely leave the freshmen out of the cheering rotation. The "putdown" caused the upperclassmen to be scolded and not allowed to say "Go home, freshmen" anymore. The seniors didn't give up easily, although they did back off some. Freshmen, on the other hand, surprised everyone with the extra effort put into basketball homecoming. Their decorations, including a bag of balloons to be dropped at a strategic time, were equal to any other class. The lone water balloon that found its way into the bag didn't stop the class from dropping them, either.



Study carrels in the library are often used for napping or for hiding from teachers, but freshmen Tara Rydens and Lindsay Wickham actually use their carrels to study for their vocabulary test in Mrs. Batson's honors English class during some free time.



"Go Mules Go!" is heard amongst the crowded bleachers in Whitely Park. To show her support for the Mules, freshman Ashley Inman cheers along with the crowd at the varsity boys soccer game against West Plains.

## the SURVEY says...

How much time do spend on the Internet each week?

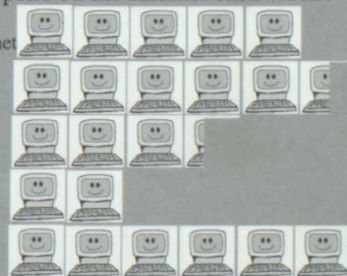
I've never used the Internet

30 minutes

1 hour

2 hours

More than two hours



87 students surveyed. Each computer represents 4 students.

seniors

juniors

sophomores

freshmen







"Success is a journey not a destination." —Ben Sweetland

# a crash course in

## DEDICATION

**Y**our grandma asks how school is going and you realize that when she says "school" she really means the seven hours that you are *in* school. But in reality, those seven hours are only about 75% of what you refer to as "school." Club meetings, band practices, choir performances, community service projects and other time-consuming activities make what your grandma calls "school" one of the least of your worries. You forgot to schedule a club officer meeting, the biggest concert of the year is next week, and you're about to be late for the highway clean-up. You know what she's referring to, though, so you smile politely and answer, "It's going great, grandma.

School's pretty easy this year."

Anyone who's ever been involved with band or choir or sports or publications knows that what the crowd sees on the field, or hears from the risers, or reads in the paper is just the tip of the iceberg. Like freshman drummer Nathan Killpack, students traditionally spend hours preparing, working out, practicing and planning for what ultimately is just a few moments of glory. Hearing the crowds cheer, however, can make all the hard work worthwhile.



key events:  
seeking answers;  
expanding minds;

7  
Nov.

### Bernie Tournament

At the academic team tournament held in Bernie, the junior varsity team won its first first place trophy. The team took four students to compete in the tournament, some of which had no previous experience, yet still earned the highest score among the competing teams.

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Mar.

### IV Invitational

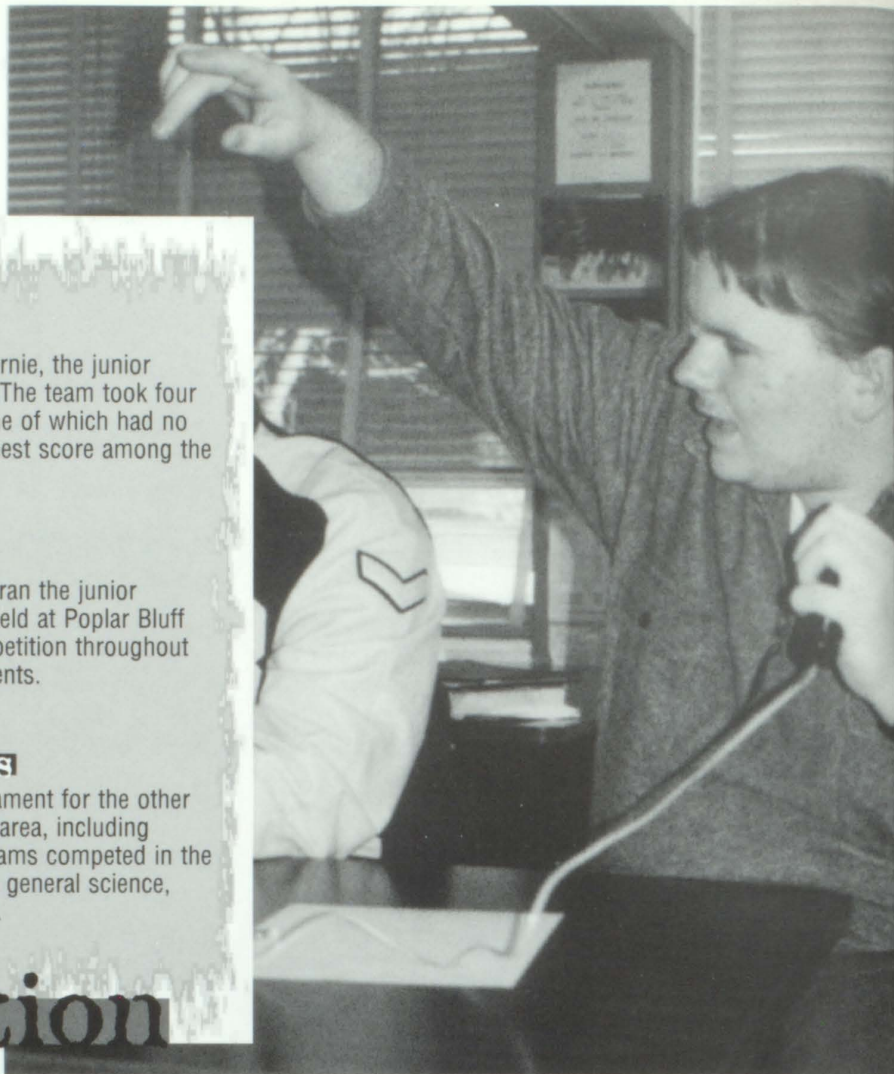
The members of the varsity academic team ran the junior varsity invitational tournament, which was held at Poplar Bluff High School. This was the only home competition throughout the year which was run entirely by the students.

17  
Apr.

### Academic Team Districts

The academic team hosted the district tournament for the other teams from high schools in the surrounding area, including Jackson, Sikeston, and Cape Central. The teams competed in the categories of general math, math calculation, general science, history, sports, grammar, and current events.

striving for  
perfection



Some members of the academic team participated in the the Academic Assistance Group's Trivia Night, held at the fifth and sixth grade center on January 29. The team earned 44 points, placing them well ahead of all the other groups consisting of high school students. The members pictured are: (front row) Chris Warren, Josh Clark; (back row) Michael Dancer, John Payne, Nathan Alexander, Chuck Williams.

Captain of the junior varsity academic team, senior Sarah Macey, drills the team with sample questions during an after-school practice on Wednesday, February 24, as Gail Karlsh, academic team sponsor looks on. "The academic team is lots of fun, but it is disappointing that no one in the school knows about us," Macey said.





With one hand in the air and another on his buzzer, junior Steve Wisdom of the varsity academic team attempts to answer the proposed question during an after-school practice of the academic team. "I joined the academic team because I was in need of another extra-curricular activity just to give me a better overall view of knowledge. I had been talking to a friend of mine who was in it and they convinced me that I should give academic team a try," Wisdom said. "So, now I am a part of the academic team and I can actually say it has helped me out a lot in my other classes. This is a great extra-curricular activity and I would recommend it to anyone because it expands students' minds and at the same time, it prepares them well for the future," he added.

# Academic team tests students' brain power

Beads of sweat form on junior Josh Clark's forehead as he stares intently

into the air above him. "E...N...T...R...E..." he slowly recites in attempt to spell

**meets: Wednesdays and Thursdays**

"entrepreneur." All of the academic team's practices and tournaments consisted

**sponsor: Gail Karlish**

of similar questions of general knowledge. The questions constantly stretched the

**dues: none**

minds of the team members, enabling them to learn and apply the knowledge

**members: 19**

that they gained in their classes through this extra-curricular activity. Throughout

**open to all students**

the year, the academic team attended more than four tournaments (in addition to

hosting two) and returned with first and fourth place trophies.

## Academic Team



(front row) Chuck Williams, Derek Prim, Mike Dancer, Josh Clark; (second row) Sarah Macy, Jason Payne, Nathan Alexander, Vincent Franco, Mark Cato; (back row) Kandarp Bhatt, Jared Prejean, Marie Hudson, Elisha Younger, Andrea Lockbeam. Not pictured: Eric Axelrod, John Mathews, Chris Warren, Steve Wisdom.

Senior Nathan Alexander quickly racks his brain in effort to come up with an answer to a question. "The events are so competitive. Split-second answers will determine the whole game outcomes," Alexander said.

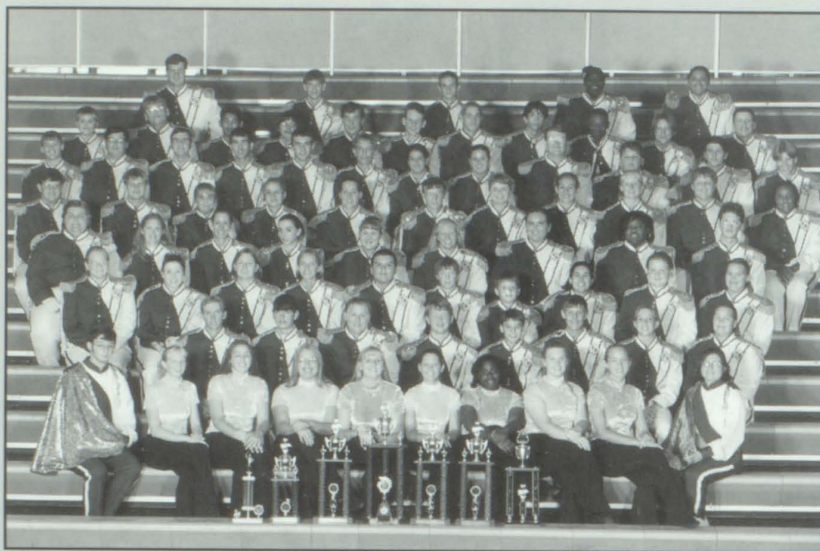
Team members who competed in Trivia Night gather around to discuss a problem. "It was fun to get a better score than some adult teams," sophomore Chuck Williams said.

*organizations*



**Freshman** Samantha Boyers teaches sophomore Jill Pogue how to properly hold a rifle. "Color guard is a fun experience. I enjoy it because my friends are in it," Pogue said.

**Sophomore** Cindy Harrell performs during a football game. "Our drum break was awesome, but we had to run like mad to get to different equipment, trying not to trip over things," Harrell said.



(front row) Corey Emerson, Teresa Potter, Jessica Jennings, Ashley Pratt, Elissa Rogers, Samantha Boyers, Nikkia McClure, Cassie Kelly, Christine Gullet, Andrea Lockbeam; (second row) Mike Mittermeyer, Charles Kelly, Samantha Handly, Andrew Mann, Nathan Killpack, David Sorrell, Mollie McCann, Sharon Hadley; (third row) Nikki Whitmer, Amanda Shepard, Tiffany Rommel, Cindy Harrell, Daniel Declue, Trevor Dancer, Jerrett Killpack, Jessica Kline, Erica Harrison, Susan Hadley; (fourth row) Lee Ann Smith, Nikki Harvel, Andrea Hogg, Jill Pogue, Andrea Ferguson, Amanda Gillem, Amanda Murphy, Cheryl Hughes, Travis Critchfield; (fifth row) Josh Allen, Jared Whalen, Lauren Gray, Amantha Dunning, Lybby Dennis, Mike Dancer, Whitney Woods, Tiffany Moore, Samantha Potter, Mike Sadler, Shelia Wallace; (sixth row) Derek Prim, Josh Darnell, James Guise, Josh Kline, Adam Funke, Daniel Young, Becky Kelly, Andrea Vaughn, Jimmy Huskey, Justin Magill, Ian Kinder, Kyle Bost; (seventh row) Josh Brainard, Jason Payne, Vincent Franco, Jessica Gray, Corey Brown, Ben Nobles, Shawn Baker, Brian Green, Mike McDonald, Tommy Main, Jason Magill; (back row) Robert Roberts, Jeremy Carmen, Matt Curtner, Christina Stewart, Shawna Allen.

## Marching Band

# Sho-me band is small, but they are mighty

The swingin' sounds of the Sho-Me Band were heard

throughout Missouri this fall. The band's member count dropped

**band camp dues: \$80.00**

twenty this year, but their spirit was unharmed. The 80-member

**biggest annual event: TWA competition**

band competed with bands consisting of three hundred members

**members: 80**

and still came out on top. The band's motto is simply the word

**directors: Scott Tomlison, Jim Hawkins**

'pride,' and it is appropriate. The band won first, second, and

**practices: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday after school**

third place trophies; as well as Best Marching, Best Drum Major,

Best Music, and Best Percussion awards during the season.



**Leading** the marching band proudly through the last home football game halftime performance of the marching season is senior drum major Corey Emerson. "Being drum major is a huge responsibility and a lot of hard work, but just being up there on the podium directing an awesome band was the greatest thrill of my life," Emerson said.

The band performed at all the home football game halftimes and also at five different competitions. "Ever since 1991 the band has not gotten first place at a competition. However, this year, we won first place again," Emerson said. "Each year that I have been in band, the band has improved a little more. Now that I am a senior, I take great pride in how awesome we are," he added.





**Keeping** an eye on his feet, senior Adam Funke concentrates at after school practice. "Practice is always interesting because you have to make it just as intense as if it was your last contest," Funke said. This year the band practice field moved closer to the school; they now practice on an asphalt and concrete area closer to the gym, rather than grass. Practices are two hours after school and one hour during school.

**Clarinet** players watch the drum major during a hold in the halftime show. A hold is when the band stops moving for four or more counts to emphasize parts of the music. Watching the drum major is imperative to ensure being in time and in step. "I began playing the clarinet in the seventh grade, and I loved it," junior Andrea Hogg said.



## key events: playing instruments; performing everywhere;

### **Lafayette**

Lafayette Contest of Champions was the band's second competition this year. The band's performance in class II-A awed the judges and the band swept the caption awards, receiving best marching, best music, best percussion, as well as tenth over-all.

29  
Aug.

### **SEMBA**

The Southeast Missouri Band Association Festival is hosted by the band every year to let the community see the talent of bands from the area. This also gives smaller bands the chance to do a public performance at least once a year.

13  
Oct.

### **Homecoming**

While the candidates for homecoming queen were being introduced the band played "Hard To Say I'm Sorry" in their band tee-shirts because of the rain. The band performed all the halftime shows at the home football games.

2  
Oct.

### **TWA Dome**

The band's competition at the TWA Dome is the most prestigious competition in Missouri. This year Sho-Me received a special invitation to attend. The band won third out of twelve in the blue division.

24  
Oct.

creating  
**unity**



# The band's skills are on a higher scale

Throughout the year, students walking by the east wing of D building at

any time of day can hear the notes of any piece of music, from swingy jazz

**meets: everyday**

melodies to strong brass ballads, wafting through the second-story windows of

**directors: Scott Tomlison, Jim Hawkins**

the band room. After school, before school, and on weekends, the dedicated

**dues: none**

members of the wind ensemble, jazz band, pep band, and concert band practice

**members: 80**

over and over the pieces of music that they will perform at football and basket-

**open to all students**

ball halftimes, competitions, festivals, and concerts.

**Junior Josh** Kline, senior Andrea Vaughn, sophomore Andy Thompson, and senior Adam Funke fill the air of the band room with the sounds of "Celebration Fanfare." "Rehearsal is so much fun," Kline said. "The rest of the trumpet section and I like to pick on the other sections of the wind ensemble. We joke around with them and tell them that the trumpets are the best section. We get in trouble a lot for interrupting class, but it makes practice a lot more fun," he added. Vaughn likes the practices as well. "The practices are important to how well the band is going to perform in it's competitions. If we practice a lot, we will do that much better when we perform, so we try to take them seriously, but we still goof off and have fun at the same time," Vaughn said.

## Wind Ensemble



(front row) Jessica Kline, Tiffany Rommel, Erica Harrison, Amanda Shepherd, Cindy Harrell, Lee Ann Smith, Cassie Kelley, Lauren Rossi; (second row) Jared Whalen, Lybby Dennis, Andrea-Lea Lockbeam, Samantha Potter, Michael Dancer, Cheryl Hughes, Tony Chambers, Amanda Murphy, David Sorrell; (back row) Jimmy Huskey, Andrea Vaughn, Josh Kline, Matt Curtner, Corey Emerson, Vincent Franco, Jason Payne, Jash Brainard, Molly McCann, Mike Mittermeyer.

## Concert Band



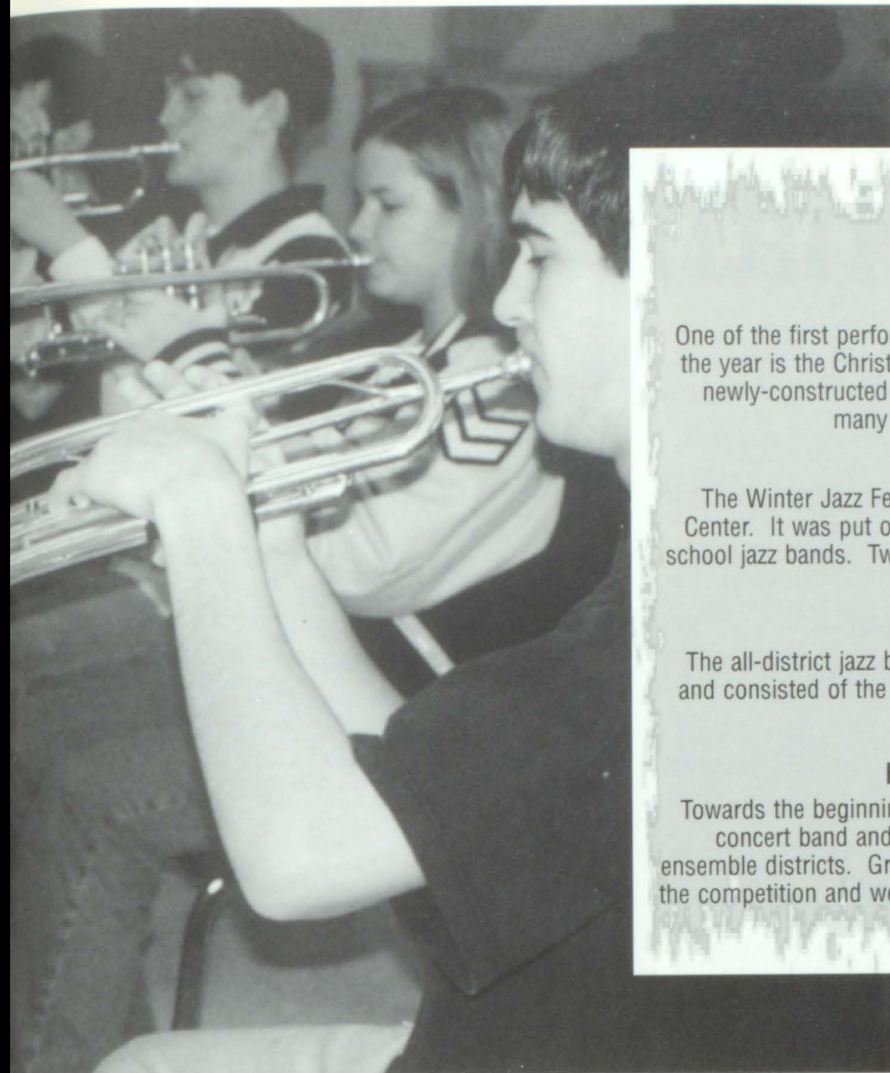
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The swinging melody of "Paget" is heard throughout D building as the wind ensemble practices during first hour. Leading the band is head director Scott Tomlison.

Concentrating on her drum, sophomore Lauren Rossi practices with the rest of the band. "I love to play the drums because it's fun to bang on things," Rossi said. "Besides, the percussion section rocks!"







key events:  
**learning discipline;**  
**developing**  
**talent;**

**Christmas Concert**

One of the first performances given by the concert band during the year is the Christmas concert. The concert was held in the newly-constructed Fifth and Sixth Grade Center, and featured many different songs appropriate to the season.

**Jazz Festival**

The Winter Jazz Festival, was held at the Three Rivers Tinnin Center. It was put on by members of the junior high and high school jazz bands. Two clinicians from Southern Illinois University were invited to attend the festival.

**All District Jazz Band**

The all-district jazz band concert was held at the Tinnin Center and consisted of the best musicians in the area. Sho-me Band members made up 75% of this band.

**Solo-Ensemble Districts**

Towards the beginning of March, the top band members of the concert band and wind ensemble begin to prepare for solo-ensemble districts. Groups of one to several musicians attended the competition and were awarded points for their performances.

Dec. 10

Feb. 11

Feb. 20

Mar. 27

making  
**melodies**



Keeping a careful eye on the sheet music in front of her, junior Lybby Dennis keeps with the beat of the rest of the wind ensemble. "Band is a very strenuous elective," said Dennis. "It takes talent and literally years of practicing and dedication...plus, we have to dodge Mr. Tomlison's flying objects when we mess up," she added.

Senior Corey Emerson joins the jazz band on the piano in the playing of "Always and Forever" at an after-school jazz practice. "I have been in jazz band for all of my four years of high school," Emerson said. "I really like to play jazz music, and I have always loved to listen to jazz, so I obviously enjoy being a part of the band that's such a big part of me," he added.



# Community involvement through helping hands

"Seeing the excited look on the elderly people's faces when we give them

Valentine cards is uplifting and heartwarming," senior Lynne Strickland said about the **members: 124**

Beta Club annual card handout. Not only does the honor club give out Valentine **sponsors: Katie Jarboe, Cindy Tanner**

cards to the elderly, but they also make cards for St. Patrick's Day and Easter. In **dues: \$1.00**

addition to cards, they collect canned food at Thanksgiving, adopt a family at Christ- **biggest annual event: Special Olympics**

mas, and volunteer at the Special Olympics. "I feel honored to be in an academic **open to anyone with a B average or higher**

club that helps the community," sophomore Tim Jarboe said.

## Beta Club



(front row) Katie Wells, Michael Weston, Jocelyn Warner, Lynne Strickland, Leslie Talkington, Sarah Jarboe, Delania Worley, Katie Farris, Elaine Wujcik; (second row) Angela Ballew, Andrew Mann, Ashley Hoja, Angela Christian, Amanda Gillem, Elissa Rogers, Warshieda Weaver, Heather Mitchell, Marie Hudson, Cindy Harrell, Tiffany Moore; (third row) Monica Brooks, Sarah Rohde, Kicia Hawes, Rachel Cooper, Jake Griffith, Sarah Macey, Elaina Davis, Samantha Barker, Stephanie Beard, Sarah Hellen, Autumn Holbrook; (fourth row) Amanda Strader, Heather Hoja, Emily Wyatt, Kellie Opalewski, Amanda Holmes, Brooke Clarkson, Brooke Lewis, Erin Duvall, Saher Choudary, Meg Smith, LeAnn Smith; (fifth row) Carissa Selvidge, Katie Crayton, Rebecca Darnell, Nicole Fox, Rachel Keeling, Aaron Wheeler, Tim Jarboe, Kyle Walsh, Jared Kennedy, Elizabeth Eggers, Kerrie Alexander; (sixth row) Dylan Brack, Melissa Denton, Lauren Ormsby, Lindsay Lovelace, Nathan Alexander, Brad Grayson, James Gieselmann, Chris Richardson, Chuck Williams, Jennifer Reed, Jason Payne; (seventh row) Derek Roach, Amanda Whittenburg, Andrea Lovelace, Jennie Gieselmann, Becca Warner, Chris Rickman, Stacey Berry, Amanda Fears, Nicole Wooten, Amanda Dobbs; (eighth row) Steve Wisdom, Jennifer Daggett, Chris Doran, Amber Burkett, Megan Bridges, Lauren Smith, Melanie Smith, Jacey Edington, Stacy Buffington, Becky McNew, Ginger Simmons, Mindy Gallamore; (back row) Kandarp Bhatt, Tracy Gum, Mike Doran, Stacy Vankirk, Kathy Felts, Sandy Stephens, Kristin Woolverton, Emily Clark, Meagan Edington, Jamie Crawford, James Guise, Eric O'Brian, Eric Axlerod.

**Senior** Becca Warner lights the candle representing honesty. "I didn't know I was going to light a candle or speak until that day," Warner said.

**Beta officers meet** after school to deliver the 262 cans they collected in the canned food drive. "The Rescue Mission workers really appreciated the cans we delivered to them," secretary Sarah Jarboe said.

Beta Club officers Leslie Talkington, Lynne Strickland, Jocelyn Warner, and Sarah Jarboe, all seniors, give a certificate to an inductee. The induction process includes reciting an oath on the principles of honesty, leadership, cooperation, responsibility, and helpfulness. After the oath, new members go through a line of officers who hand them cards, pins, and small flags. "Actually being inducted into Beta made the club seem more official," sophomore Lauren Ormsby said. "The new members weren't the only ones to be inducted; the officers were as well, giving everyone a new start for the year," senior vice president Lynne Strickland said.





key events:

collecting cans;  
making  
cards;

### Induction

Every year Beta Club has an induction to welcome its new members. The event starts with the officers lighting candles and giving a short speech. Then the members recite an oath and receive certificates, pins, cards, and flags from the officers, while shaking their hands.

10  
Nov.

### Canned Food Drive

For a whole week Beta collected canned food to deliver to the Rescue Mission. Anyone was welcome to give cans, but the members had to bring at least ten. The cans were then taken to the Rescue Mission for them to use on Thanksgiving.

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Nov.

### Valentine Cards

Before Valentine's Day members made or bought Valentine cards to turn in to the Beta officers. On Valentine's Day the officers delivered the cards to persons in a local nursing home.

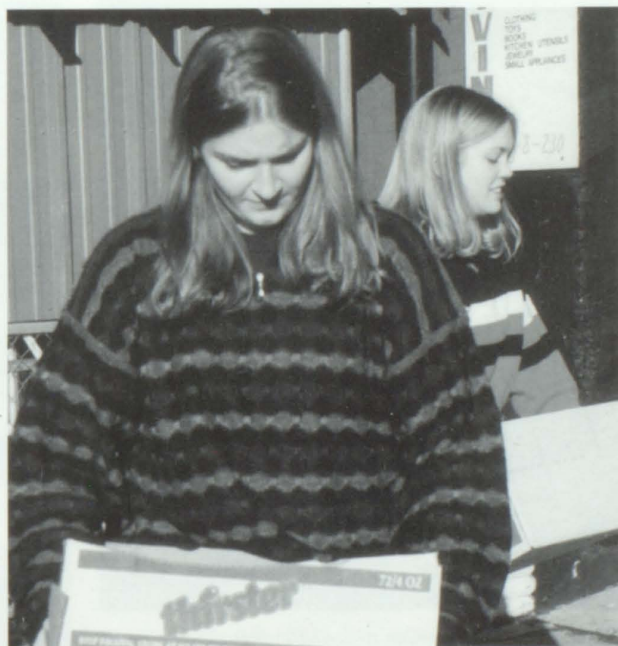
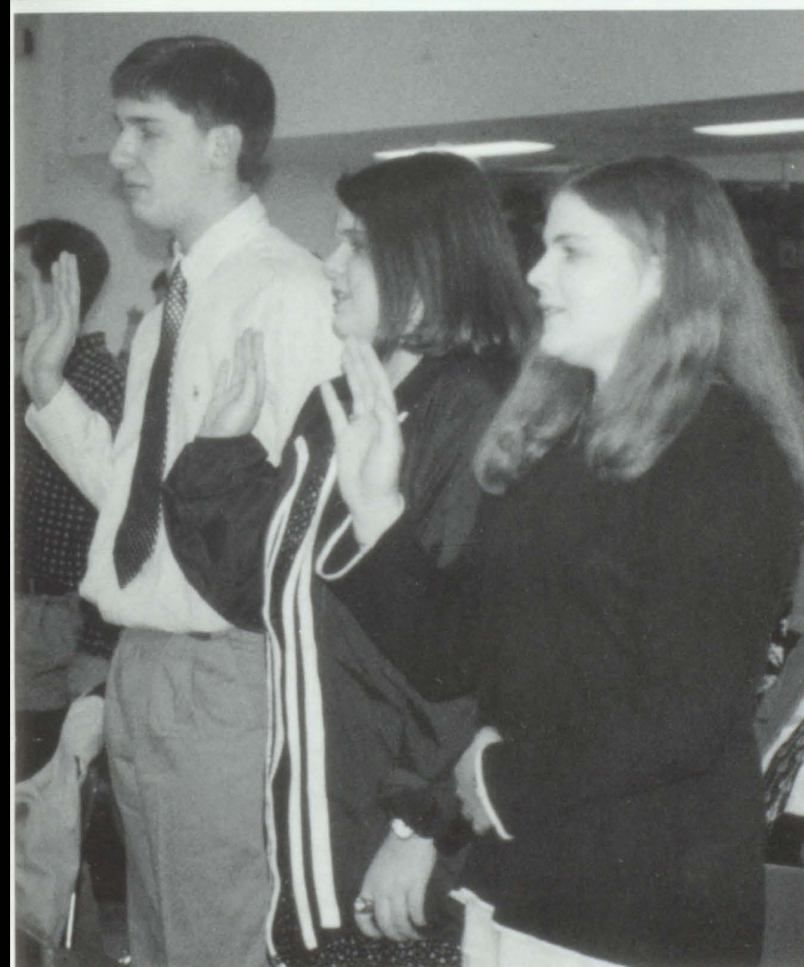
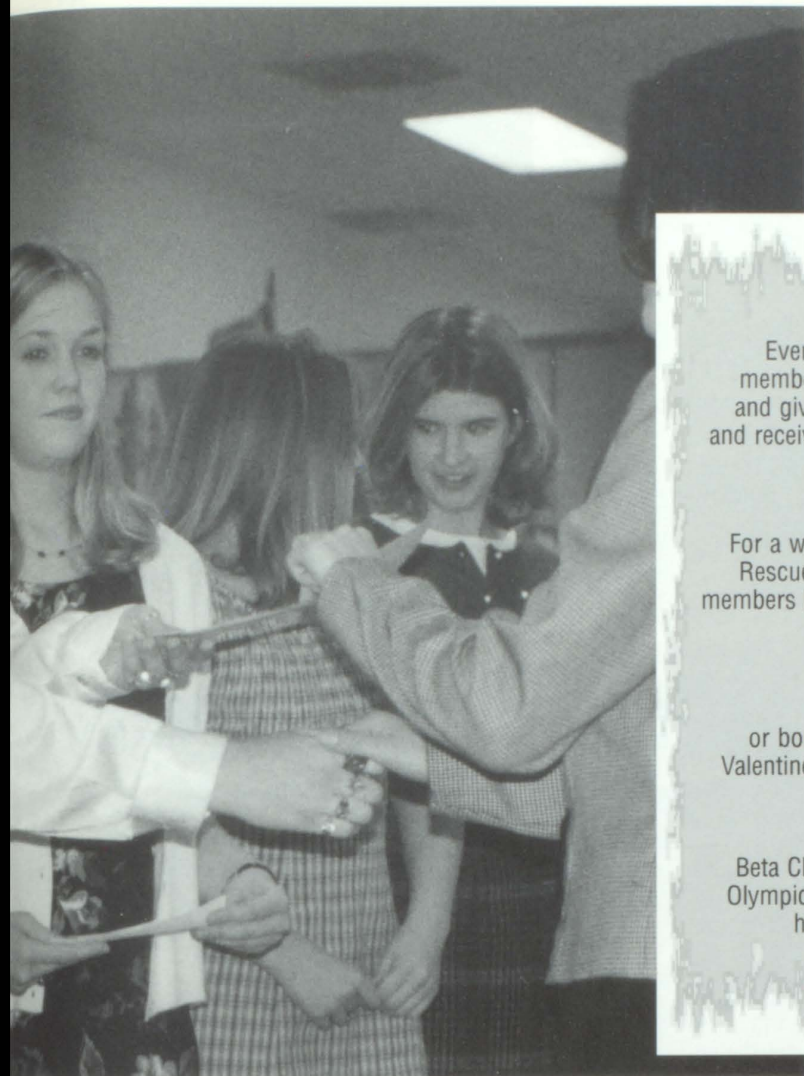
12  
Feb.

### Special Olympics

Beta Club's biggest annual event is helping out at the Special Olympics. Volunteers from the club go to the jr. high track to hand out awards, help with events, and distribute food.

19  
Apr.

learning  
involvement



Senior Leslie Talkington carries a box of canned food to senior vice president Lynne Strickland's truck to be delivered to a needy family. "I'm glad our club got to help the community during the holidays, and I was directly a part of that by delivering the cans," president Talkington said.

"I solemnly declare that I shall always strive to hold fast to the principals of honesty," seniors Dylan Brack, Eric O'Briant, Rachel Pierce, and Autumn Holbrook recite at the induction ceremony. "I was trying hard not to laugh while we were reciting the oath because nobody was saying it right," O'Briant said.



# Chem students learn what really matters

From washing the car to making dinner, chemistry is

dues: \$5.00

everywhere. Chemistry Club is dedicated to preparing today's

sponsors: Jerry Hosmer, Richard Garver

students to be tomorrow's scientists by understanding their world.

meets: the second Tuesday of every month

"It's a club that lets you get better insight on what you do in class

open: to all students enrolled in a chemistry course

and shows you how it applies to the world," junior Derek Kneir said.



**Junior Steve Wisdom** discusses club matters with one of the club's sponsors, Mr. Hosmer. "It's a lot of work putting together events for a club like this one and I couldn't do it without the help of the club's sponsors," Wisdom said.

A discussion between members of the Chemistry Club give rise to some deep thoughts. Theories are disputed and experiments questioned, but these guys never lose their focus.

With a big smile on senior James Grimes' face, he proves you can have fun at a party with less than ten people. "We have some great members. We went for quality, not quantity, but we're always looking for a few more members," Grimes said.

## Senior

Dylan Brack enjoys pizza at the Christmas Chemistry Club meeting. "It was the first Christmas Club Christmas party ever.

Our president was able to get most of the food by donation," Brack said.

Relaxing meetings like this one are hard to come by in a club so motivated by learning and understanding.



8  
Sept.

The first Chemistry Club meeting consisted of the election of the club's officers.

8  
May

The trip to the Science Center is something to which all the members look forward.

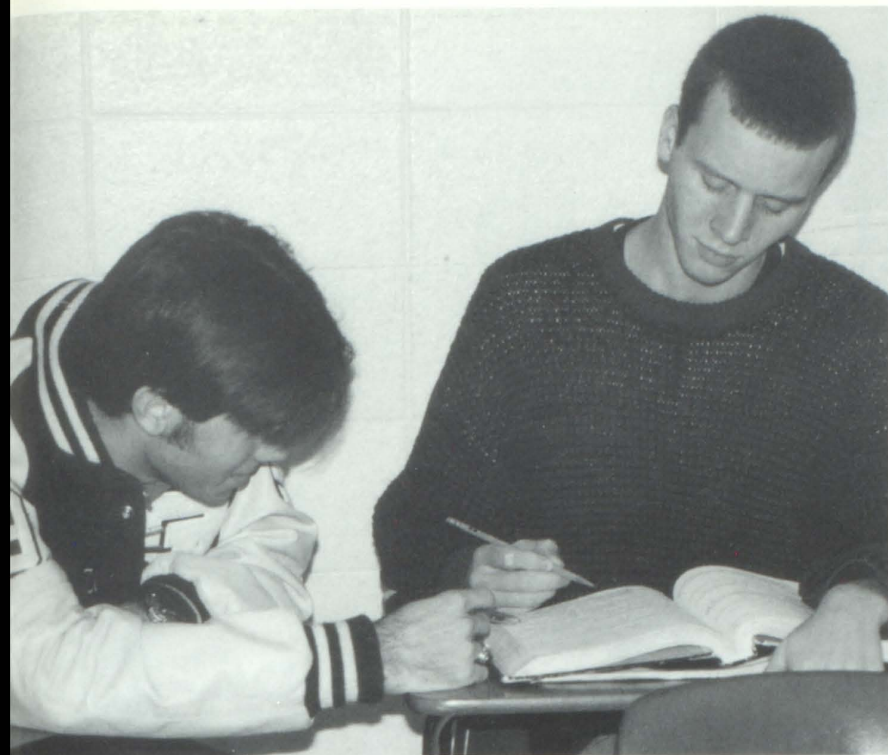


(front row) Brad Grayson (secretary), Steve Wisdom (president), Eric Summers (vice-president); (second row) Dylan Brack, James Grimes, Andrew Eggers, Katie Crayton, Chris Reeves; (third row) Nathan Alexander (treasurer), Derek Kneir, Jared Prejean, Heather Hoya, Jerry Hosmer; (back row) Andrea Hogg, Amanda Fears, Chuck Williams.

# Chemistry Club







**Junior** Mike Killpack and senior Mike Doran work together to complete a math problem. "Math club is where I go to help those in need. I like to share my knowledge," Killpack said. "I like to help people learn math problems so they can become better math students," Doran said.

**Seniors** Katie Crayton and Chris Reeves work together measuring their bridge's size. "Math club is a good club to join if you enjoy math, it was also an interesting experience," Crayton said.

**Lending** his knowledge, senior Paul Tiffany helps junior Christine Gullett correct a problem on her study guide. "When I started coming to math lab it was a punishment from my mom. It has turned out to be helpful," Gullett said.



(front row) Mike Doran (treasurer), Chris Reeves (president), Katie Farris (secretary); (second row) Andrew Mann, Eric Summers, Dylan Brack, James Grimes; (third row) Chuck Williams, Nathan Alexander, Brad Grayson, Derek Kneir, Jared Prejean; (back row) Andrea Hogg, Sarah Rohde, Rebecca Darnell, Elaine Wujcik, Saher Choudhary.

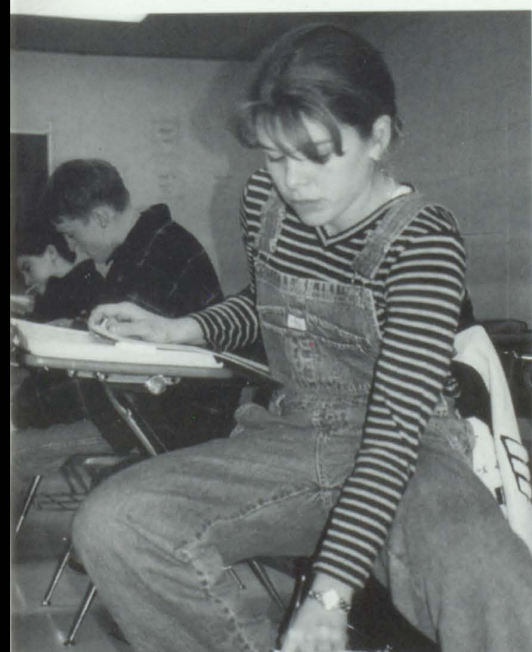
**21**  
**Sept.**

The first meeting for math club was to discuss the math lab. During this meeting, club officers were elected.

**28**  
**Sept.**

The math lab begins as math club's number one project of the year. Members are there to tutor any students.

## Math Club



**Junior** Elaine Wujcik sets up her tools in order to fix any math problem she doesn't understand. "I go to and tutor in math lab, I spend most of my time helping my friends," Wujcik said. Math Club gives students an opportunity to help their peers and get that feeling of satisfaction that's often hard to find. It's just one way students prepare themselves for the long road of life ahead.

## Math club helps things add up to success

dues: \$2.00

Math club has a strong impact on their fellow

sponsor: Bill Reeves

students. Members of math club tutor their peers during

meets: Wednesdays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays

math lab, helping answer any questions they have about

open to all students

math. Members say they enjoy trying to help others under-

main project: Math Lab

stand the logic of math.



# Students learn to sing a different tune

Although it is only the second year for a mixed choir class, it has

become a success. Offered second hour, mixed choir allows more busy students

**meets: everyday**

the opportunity to participate in music through their busy schedule. Choraliers

**sponsors: Evelyn Jones, Delisa Sitzes**

consist of the traditional all-girl singing group. Mrs. Delisa Sitzes directs both

**dues: none**

mixed choir and choraliers. "I like being in choir, but it is even better when you

**requirements: none**

have a good director. Mrs. Sitzes is great!" sophomore Erin English said. Both

**open: all classes**

choirs practice during school hours and are kept busy by participating in many

concerts and contests throughout the school year.

Mixed chorus members junior Eric Schnizler and sophomores Robert Pratt and Nick Divine practice the song "Round and Round the Christmas Tree" for the Christmas Concert, which was held December 3rd at the Fifth and Sixth Grade Center. Mixed chorus has traditionally been a non-performing group. However, recently the group has been singing in several concerts since mixed chorus members voted in favor of singing publically. At Christmas performance the concert choir, mixed chorus, choraliers, wind ensemble, and concert band performed together for a large, integrated concert. The mixed chorus practices for an hour each school day during second hour, under direction from Delisa Sitzes.

## Mixed Choir



(front row) Lisa Rhode, Carol Baylor, Ashley Aden, Shana Moses, Nanette Lewis, B.J. Lee, Heather Bellew; (second row) Vera Terhune, Lynzie Walker, Rosie Stokely, Racheal Ebeltoft, Racheal Dugan, Jamie Hays, Amanda Mauldin; (third row) Kyle Winter, Donald Dalpian, Erik Scuddor, Nathan McAnly, Monta Terhune, Meredith Pierce, Ashley Morse, Autumn Halbrook; (fourth row) Chris Hulan, Eric Schizler, Chris Daynter, Nick Divine, Robert Pratt, Steve Buenaga; (back row) Jarred Towns, Ryan Dicken, Rajeran George, Ryan Whelan, Joe Wise.

"In mixed choir Steve Buenaga and I spend more time goofing off than actually singing. But between having fun and singing, mixed choir is a great experience," junior Rajeran George said.

Juniors Heather Bellew and B.J. Lee take a few minutes out of singing in class. "Mrs. Sitzes was in a such a great mood that day, she was acting so funny!" Lee said.









key events:  
raising funds,  
entertaining  
crowds;

17  
Dec.

**Christmas Concert**

The Concert Choir performed for the PEO, a local womens' group that supports education. The group of women listened to the choir perform Christmas songs like: "Baby What Ya Gonna Be" and other favorites.

26  
Mar.

**Spring Contest**

When performing in front of judges, choir members prepare two art songs. This contest focuses on the individual singer, rather than the choir as a whole. The judges grade on intonation, tone quality, dynamics, and other musical areas.

19  
Apr.

**Washington DC**

The Concert Choir was honored this year to by being asked to sing for the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birthday. The trip wasn't all singing though, as the group visited many tourist sights and enjoyed riding the Metro.

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Apr.

**State Contest**

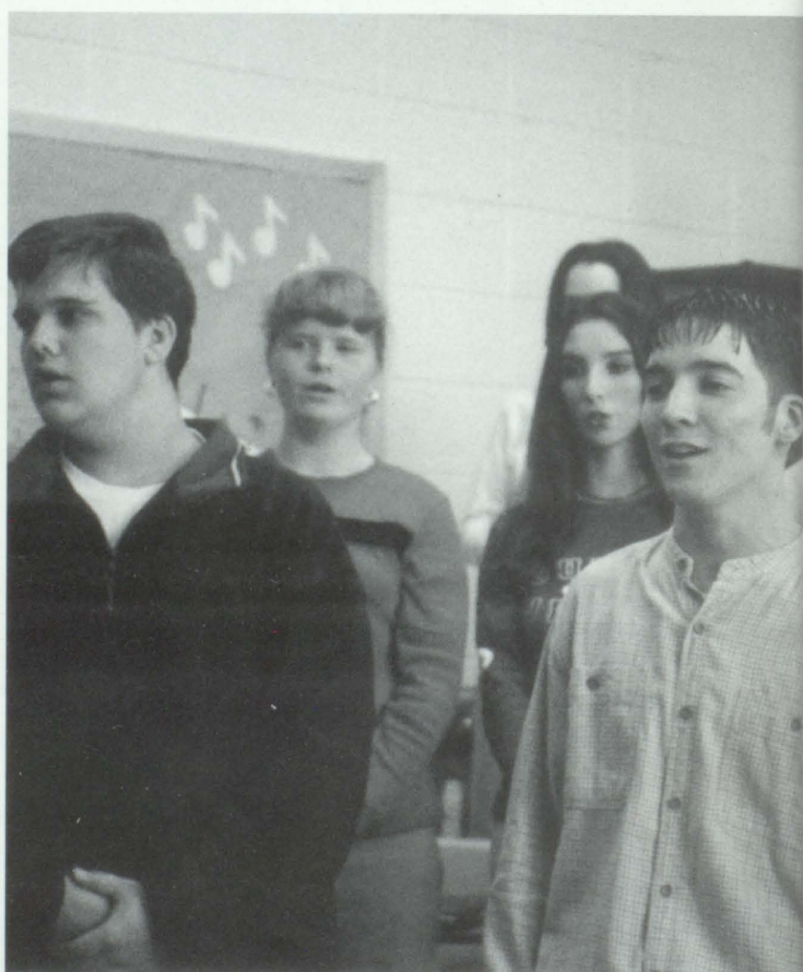
Annually, the choir travels to Columbia for the state contest in which their talents and abilities were tested against other choir members from all over the state.

singing in  
**harmony**



To make their vowels sound proper and not mumbled, the choir puts their fingers in front of their mouths. "It looks really funny, but helps us to sound better," senior Katie Crayton said. An additional benefit of the finger over the mouth is that it helps the singers direct their sound out from their diaphragm, as opposed to merely singing from the throat.

"I took choir just so I could graduate, but once I got there and knew what was going on, I realized how fun it was going to be. Just being there is a wonderful experience. I'm proud to be a member of the choir," senior Jake Griffith said.





When the music doesn't flow quite right a friendly back rub might do the trick. This unique little ritual that the choir does every time before they perform helps them to relax, and to focus on the event at hand. "This gives me one more great reason to go to choir," says senior Eric O'Briant. "This ritual came about when the group was singing 'The Lord Bless You and Keep You' and it sounded really bad. Then someone said we need to relax. We rubbed one another's shoulders, and when we were done we sounded much better." This year they performed even more times to help raise money for their trip to Washington D.C.

# Concert Choir sings its way to the nation's capital

Four years ago, the Concert Choir took a trip to Hawaii, but this year found

them winging their way to our nation's capital, Washington D.C. The choir was asked

**meets: everyday**

to make this trip in celebration of the 200th anniversary of George Washington's life.

**sponsors: Evelyn Jones, Delisa Sitze**

While there, the choir sang in front of the Lincoln Memorial and Mount Vernon, the

**uniform fee: \$20**

birth place of George Washington. They toured the Smithsonian, the Vietnam memo-

**fundraiser performance: chili supper**

rial, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and other historical and national momuments.

**open to all classes**

"This trip was a tremendous educational experience for the students, by being able to

see firsthand, the historical sites of our nations' capital." Mrs Evelyn Jones said.

## Concert Choir



(front row) Jake Griffith, Lorinda Reed, Lauren Ormsby (publicist), Jessica Kline (president), Rachel Cooper (vice president), Nicole Fox (treasurer), Corey Hamilton (sec.): (second row) Mike Berry, Katie Crayton, Jill Pogue, Erin English, Courtney Dodd, Magaret Orlando, Andrew Mann: (third row) Ryne Wangler, Sarah Seawel, Vickey Proctor, Courtney Bralley, Janet Aldridge, Lauren Rossi, Josh Darnell: (fourth row) Shannon Uhl, Breanne Sharp, Laura Patty, Christine Gullett, Leah North, Christine Huber, Carlson Domingo (back row) Corey Emerson, John Lewis, Josh Allen, Tyler Bader, Eric O'Briant.

**Senior** Corey Emerson, Corey Hamilton, and Josh Allen prepare a song for the Christmas concert. During class, choir members learn better musicianship and music theory to improve their skills.

"**Concert** choir takes people's natural talents and abilities and puts them all together to create something beautiful," senior Jessica Kline said.



**Senior** Ginger Simmons hands senior Jocelyn Warner a poster that she bought from DECA to help raise money for a competition. "I like DECA because it teaches students job skills while still in high school," Simmons said.

**On** the way back from a competition in Osage Beach, senior Jeryl Burk takes it easy while listening to music on the bus. "It was a long way home and I was just trying to pass time away," Burk said.



(front row) Kerrie Alexander (secretary), Angela Christian (president), (second row) Lorinda Reed (parliamentarian), Eric O'Briant (reporter), Crystal Taylor (treasurer), Charish Pratt, Amanda Holmes, Tabitha Ivy (associate vice president), Mrs. LeGrand; (third row) Rebekah Sitzes, Michelle McCormick, Lee Hobbs, Amanda Dobbs, Amanda Gillem, Jessica Robertson, Jesse Goins; (fourth row) Paul Tiffany, Jeremy Lashley, Brandi Ellis, Nicole Fox, Ginger Simmons, Amber Cochran, Marie Taylor, Dusty Walker; (fifth row) Shonna Swiney, Aaron Moore, Jami Halford, Rebecka DePalma, Nathan Thompson, Lance Inman, Jared Fears, (back row) Andrea Johnson, Erick Montgomery, Thomas Jackman.

**DECA**

## Developing an edge for

# real business

In front of 500 students, senior Angela Christian hears her name being

called as one of the finalists from the competition at Lake of the Ozarks. "I didn't

**open:** to MCE members

have any idea how I had done. I was shocked and a little nervous about walking

**participates in competitions**

in front of all those other students to receive my medallion," Christian said.

**dues:** \$10.00

DECA members go to competitions and are given business problems to solve.

**sponsors:** Amanda LeGrand, Gina Bubanovich

They perform in front of judges, the winners are given awards, and then go on to

**meets:** once a month

nationals. "DECA gives students a feel for the real world by involving them in

real b s situations," senior Kerrie Alexander said.



**Showing** support for her favorite football team playing in the Super Bowl, senior Amanda Dobbs hands Eric O'Briant one dollar for a football she is purchasing. Every year DECA adopts an organization to support in order to fulfill their civic commitment and support society. This year, DECA sold footballs symbolizing support for the Broncos and Falcons in order to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). MDA is the same organization which is supported by Jerry's Kids. Muscular dystrophy is a degenerative disease of the muscles which usually attacks people at a young age. Deca teaches that part of being in business is giving back to the community one lives in.







Using a locker as a desk, senior Michael Rasmussen fills out his paper football purchased from DECA. The footballs were sold for one dollar each and the money went to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. "I bought one of the footballs that DECA sold to raise money for MDA because I felt that it was for a good cause," Rasmussen said. DECA students also sold candy as a fundraiser. Student could find candy in the MCE office any time during the school year.

**Juniors** Crystal Taylor and Jessica Robertson take a practice test on the computer for their MCE class. These tests prepare them for the competitions in which DECA members participate. "During competitions we have to take a test similar to the one we were practicing on," Robertson said.



key events:

**making money;  
winning  
awards;**

#### **DECA Conference**

DECA members went to the Missouri DECA Fall Leadership and State Officer Election Conference where they listened to numerous individuals speak on running for office; they then voted on the best qualified. A mock competition was also held at this conference to prepare them for districts.

**18**  
Oct.

#### **Thanksgiving**

Canned food, frozen turkeys, pies, and many other items were collected for the Thanksgiving baskets that DECA members made. Mrs. Legrand and senior Angela Christian delivered the baskets to people recommended by the Rescue Mission.

**25**  
Nov.

#### **Super Bowl**

Footballs were sold by DECA members one week before Super Bowl Sunday. Students' names and favorite teams were put on the football and then hung on their lockers or wherever they wanted to show their support. The cost- one dollar per football- was donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

**21**  
Jan.

learning.  
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# Student athletes practice spirituality

Maintaining spirituality has been fun for the Girl's FCA throughout the

year. "The most fun meeting we had this year was the pool party because there **meetings: planned around sports events**

were a lot of people there and they were having a good time," sophomore **sponsor: Cathy McManus**

president Megan Bridges said. Despite all the fun, there is a serious side to the **dues: \$1.00**

FCA. At meetings there is a devotion given by a speaker chosen by the officers.

**girls only**

Coach McManus has spoken to the girls a lot about spiritual matters. "I love **meets: with guys once a month**

doing it, because the girls listen to me," McManus said. Girl's FCA is open to all

students who want to enhance their spiritual life.

## GIRL'S FCA



(front row) Sarah Montgomery (publicist), Rachel Cooper (parliamentarian), Megan Bridges (president), Gennie Gieselmann (program director), Kellie Opalewski (recording secretary), Emily Clark (corr. secretary), Amanda Hillis (vice president), Katie Farris (treasurer), Amanda Whittenburg (publicist); (second row) Lindsay Lovelace, Emma Franklin, Jamie Crawford, Kristin Woolverton, Sandy Stephens, Shamonie Latham, Jennifer Reed, Amanda Sullivan; (third row) Shelly Walz, Coach McManus, Ashley Aden, Jessica Gauthier, Heather Hoja, Katie Cockerill, Jessica Lee; (fourth row) Sara Lawson, Lindsay Brown, Ashley Shively, Alisha Ezell, Kylie Alexander, Mollie McCann, Jessica Wilson; (fifth row) Stacy Scotts, LeAnne Magill, Megan Myatt, Joanne Huck, Jenna Harlan, Jenna Magruder; (back row) Abby Warner, Andrea Lovelace, Amy Love, Laura Jane Busby, Mimi Kingery, Lauren Smith.

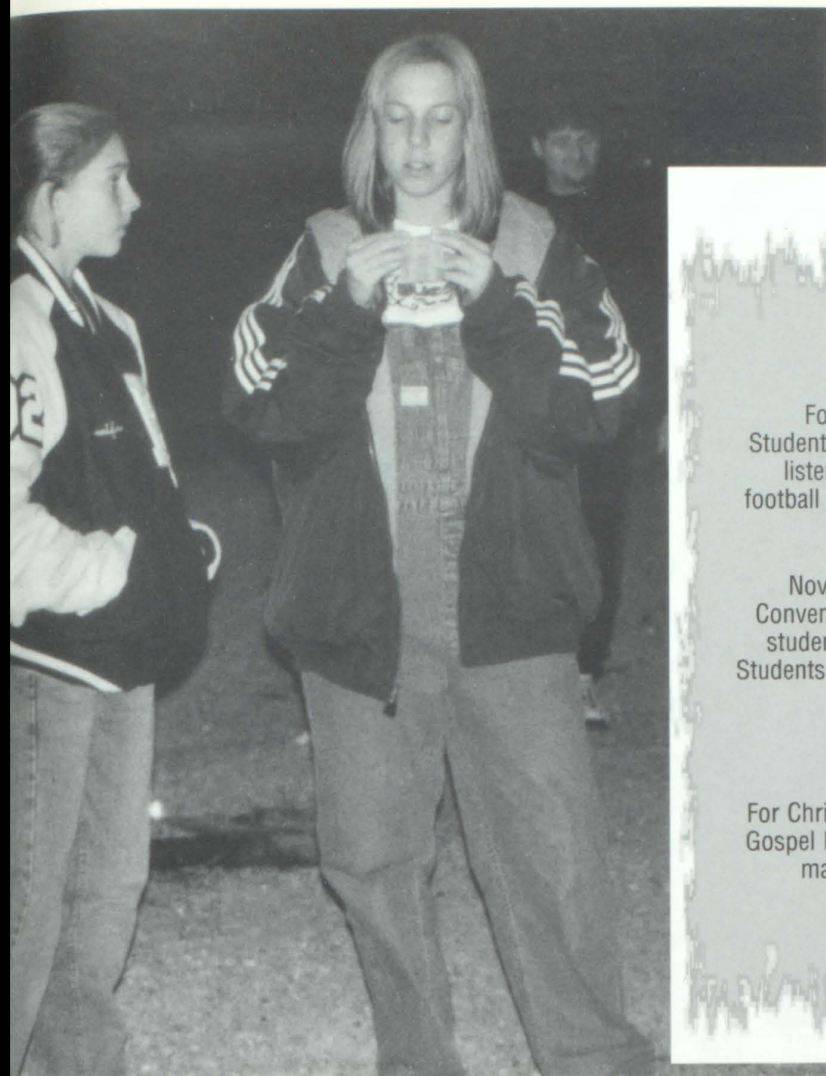
**While** listening to the band at the bonfire, freshman Alisha Ezell talks with Jenna Magruder and Jessica Kennedy. "The bonfire was a lot of fun because I got a chance to talk with my friends," Ezell said.

**Seniors** Amanda Hillis and Kellie Opalewski distribute "goodies" to the freshmen who attended the first FCA meeting. "We were so pleased with the good turnout that we wanted to show them our appreciation by giving them some treats," Hillis said.

The FCA bonfire was a dual-purpose event for the students. It provided an opportunity for them to get together and listen to a speaker talk about God. The bonfire also served as a pep rally for the football team the night before the homecoming game. As the bonfire roared, students got to eat hamburgers and hot dogs and listen to the band play pep songs. "It was a lot of fun, because we got to eat and talk to our friends," freshman Mollie McCann said. A good number of students showed up at the Bacon Park location to watch the fire. "It was a fun way to get together with friends and listen to a good speaker," freshman Lindsay Brown said.







## key events: keeping faith; giving to others;

### **Bonfire**

For the second year, FCA hosted a homecoming bonfire. Students joined in eating hamburgers, chips, and sodas while listening to a Christian band perform. Later, a former NFL football player gave a testimony and led the group in a prayer.

**22**  
Oct.

### **State Convention**

November 14-15 club members attended a statewide FCA Convention at the Lake of the Ozarks. Two-hundred and fifty students attended this convention from all around the state. Students learned the importance of sharing Christ in their lives and also about spreading the message to their FCA chapters.

**14**  
Nov.

### **Giving A Hand**

For Christmas the girls made 1,000 bookmarks for the United Gospel Rescue Mission, which were handed out at the Christmas dinner. The bookmarks contained a scripture and a Christmas greeting from FCA.

**18**  
Dec.

## hearing testimonies



**Members** of the Girl's FCA were intrigued by the speech that Paul White gave at an FCA meeting held at the home of Gennie Gieselmann. "Paul White was a great speaker and everyone was having a good time listening to him," junior Stasha Persons said.

**Sponsor** Mrs. Cathy McManus, First United Methodist youth minister Becky Gilbert, and freshmen Ashley Shivley and Lindsay Brown watch as senior Gennie Gieselmann attempts a flip off the diving board at the FCA pool party. "It was one of the best parties that I have been to this year because we talked about God, got to swim, and got meet lots of new people," freshman Ashley Shivley said.



key events:  
making splashes;  
sharing laughs;

25  
Aug.

### Pool Party

The first meeting of the year was held again at the home of Senior Katie Farris's grandma's house. The old members participated in B.Y.O.F. (Bring Your Own Freshman). Fifty-six people came to the opening party, 26 of them being freshman. Members listened as the planned events for the year were explained.

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Oct.

### Breaking in the Freshmen

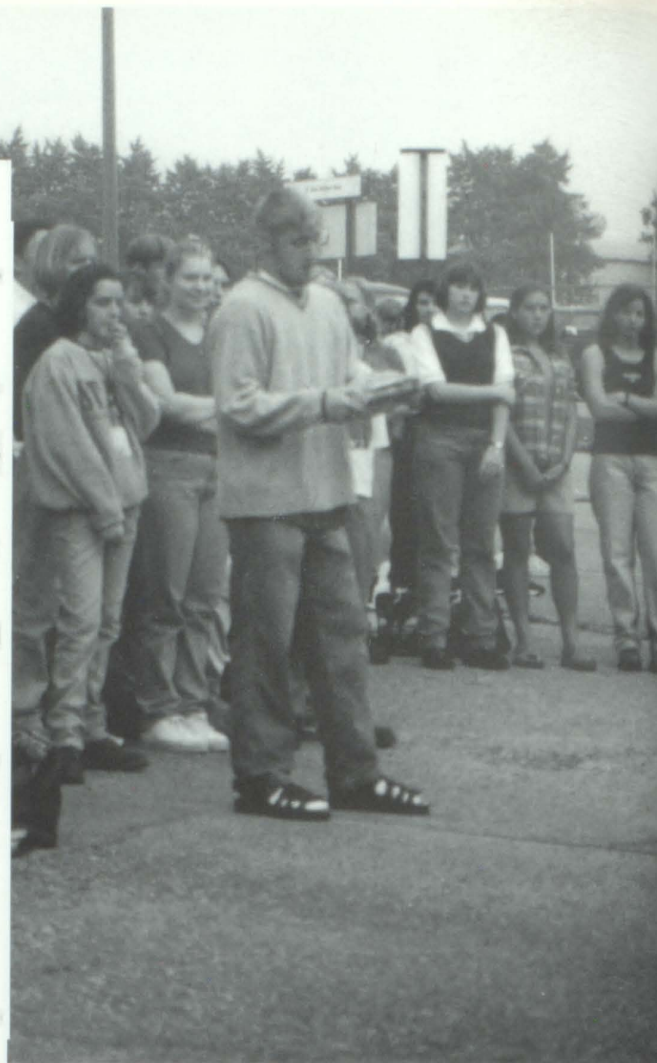
At the first Guy's FCA meeting, the old members kidnapped the new freshmen members. They took them to the gym at Senior High. There they played ultimate basketball for the rest of the meeting.

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### Nitro Party

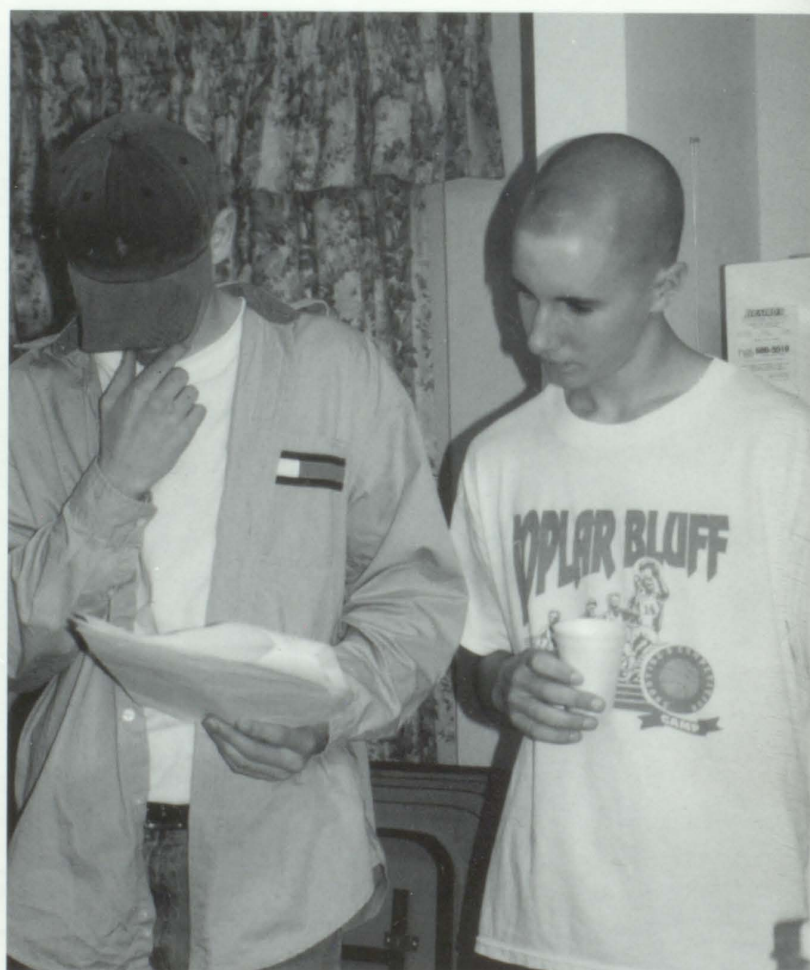
The Nitro Party was a big hit with the wrestling fans in Guys' FCA, held at the home of freshman Darren Hillis. The guys watched wrestling and hung out together. Some of the guys got so involved that they started their own wrestling match on a trampoline in the back yard.

receiving  
guidance



**Relaxing** in the pool, senior Jared Kennedy waits for some of his friends to come and join him. "I was wondering where everyone went. I thought that it was a swimming party, not a socialization party. Nevertheless it was a great party and everyone had a great time socializing and swimming," Kennedy said.

**Attending** FCA meetings is a matter of working out schedules. "I always have to check the calendar at our meetings to see when the next meeting is so I can know if I can be there or not," freshman Michael Johnson said, as he looks over junior Aaron Wheeler's shoulder.





**Giving a** testimony before fellow students can be hard for anyone, but at See You at the Pole, it meant having to speak to an audience of nearly 200 students. Junior John Robison was one of three speakers who took on this challenge. "At first I did not know if I wanted to do the sermon or not because I was kind of nervous, but I heard a calling from God so I slept on it and prayed about it. By the next morning I had a sermon ready to go," Robison said. See you at the Pole is a national time of prayer for students to pray for their schools, classmates, and teachers. Students from all over the country pray. Each year the occasion has gotten bigger, with more students attending.

# Guys' FCA is dedicated to fellowship

Guys' FCA is a growing club at PBHS, and its popularity continues.

Behind the leadership of junior John Robison, Guys' FCA has expanded its **meetings: scheduled around sporting events**

membership. "I have been a member of FCA since I was a sophomore and it has

**sponsor: David Sievers**

never had any kind of leadership, so a couple of guys and I decided to take

**dues: \$1.00**

charge of the Guys' FCA," junior John Robison said. Freshman Darren Hillis,

**guys only**

who has helped Robison with leadership roles, said, "I have gotten up in front of

**meets with girls' FCA once a month**

everyone a lot and I still get nervous, but in the end God pulls me through." All-

in-all, guys' FCA is a club for any guy who wants to get in touch with God.

## GUYS' FCA



(front row) Chuck Williams, Rajeran George, Kyle Walsh, Seth Merriman, Corey Hamilton; (second row) Stan Reville, Chris Rickman, Aaron Wheeler, Dustin Berry, Matthew Atteberry; (third row) Sean Sutton, Ben Haas, Luke McCann, Jared Kennedy; (back row) Luke Moore, Jamie Waddell, Jake Griffith, Jay Clark; (back row) Christian Salyer, William Van Praag, John Robison, Darren Hillis.

**Soaking up** the rays, senior Kyle Walsh observes members of FCA while they swim at the pool party. "I couldn't believe how many guys came to the party," Walsh said.

**While listening** to speaker Paul White, junior Rajeran George laughs uncontrollably. "I could not stop laughing because my bud, Ryan Whelan, was tickling my feet," George said.



**Sophomores** LaTisha Brooks and Katie Cockerill open the gifts from their Secret Santas. "I thought the Secret Santas were a really good idea and a lot of fun. I didn't know who mine was until the very last day," Brooks said.

**French club** vice president Stacy Buffington helps the French Club team beat the German Club. "I was really surprised when we beat them. This meant that I had to play yet another game, but we all had a good time."



(front row) Becky McNew, Becca Warner, Chris Reeves (treasurer), Amanda Fears (secretary), Jared Fears (president), Stacy Buffington (vice president), Shelly Walz; (second row) Jamie Crawford, Emily Clark, Sandy Stephens, Rebecca Peterson, Kristin Woolverton, Katie Cockerill, Stacy Scott, Autumn Holbrook; (third row) Stacey Berry, Sarah Rohde, Rebecca Darnell, Elaine Wujcik, Saher Choudhary, Derek Barnett, Sara Swiney, Alisha Ezell; (fourth row) Leslie Talkington, Chris Rickman, Melanie Smith, Kyle Walsh, William Van Praag, Laura Nunnery, Stacy Parker; (fifth row) Sarah Macey, Brian Wells, Derek Kneir, Jera Ridens, LaTisha Brooks, Amanda Leamon, Shonna Swiney; (top row) Grant Gambling, Matt Kiefer, Jared Prejean, Meg Smith, Jessica Hogg, Lauren Turpin.

## French Club

# french club is experiencing french culture

Shouts of exultation ring through the air as the French Club defeats the

**open to all classes**

German Club in the annual soccer tournament. Their next task is to defeat the

**something fun: trying French foods**

Spanish Club, but this proves to be too much. The soccer tournament is only

**dues: \$3.00**

one of the many events that French Club members participate in thanks to

**ponsor: Mrs. Patricia Lindman**

Madame Lindman. The Christmas party, is the highlight of French Club's busy

**meets: once a month**

year. Senior Becca Warner said, "I really look forward to the Christmas gift

exchange and the Secret Santas every year." "French Club is an awesome club

because it is unlike any other!" sophomore Lauren Ormsby said.



**Part** of the fun of French Club is the food.

Just ask any member you come across and that's what they will say.

Freshman Katie Cockerill said, "I like trying different foods. That's why I like French Club.

Madame always has new foods for us to try."

Junior Jennifer Reed said, "My

friend, Elaine, decided to try some of Madame's

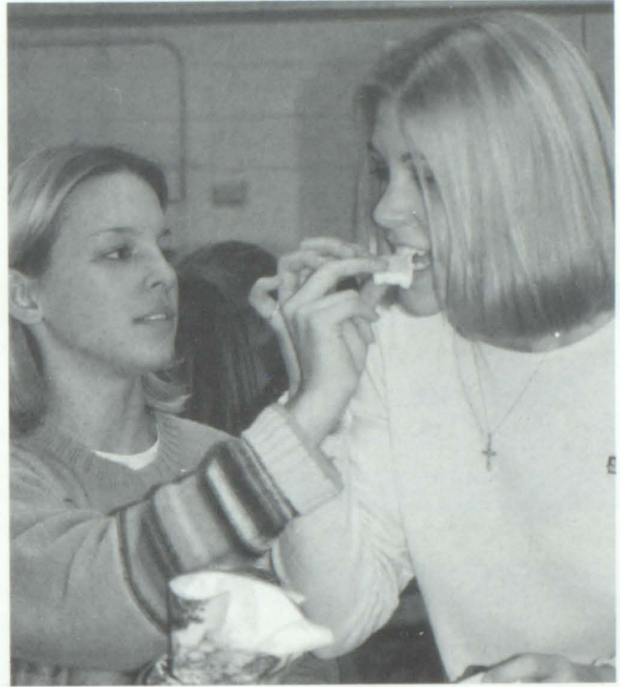
French cheese, but it looked like it had mold on it so I didn't try





**President** Jared Fears and Chris Rickman race one another to see who can demolish a donut first in French Club's annual Christmas Party. "Jared was about to choke himself to death trying to cram the whole donut into his mouth at one time, but that didn't help him any because my team still won the race," said Rickman.

**"During** French Club's Christmas Party, juniors Sandy Stephens and Kristin Woolverton try some new French food. "Madame always has new foods for us to try at our meetings. I don't really like to try new foods, but I was being brave and decided to try some of the cheese. It was disgusting," said Stephens. Woolverton said, "Madame thought it would be nice if we tried some French cheese so I tried some of Sandy's. It was really gross!"



## key events: having fun- French food;

### Soccer Game

After school on Thursday, members of the French Club met on the Band Field to play their annual soccer game against the other two foreign language clubs. They won their first game against the German Club. Seeming to be on a roll, they set out to slaughter the Spanish Club. Yet, in the end, the Spanish Club came out on top. Everyone had a great time and all agreed it was really something to see.

Nov. 25

### Christmas Party

French club members always look forward to their annual Christmas Party. This year proved to be no different. Senior Becca Warner said, "The Christmas Party is always the most fun out of all the things that French Club does. I especially looked forward to it this year." Freshman Katie Cockerill said, "The Christmas Party was a lot of fun and I liked the gift I got from my Secret Santa. The party was fun--even if I don't like donuts."

Dec. 15

discovering

# culture



# FBLA makes the community our business

"Elbows off the table everybody...", Mrs. Anne Roberts, honorary life

member of Future Business Leaders of America said as members quickly removed

**meets: Thursday**

their elbows from the table. This was one of many tips about proper manners given

**sponsors: Darlene Davis, Evelyn Casinger, Wanda Ormsby**

by the former business teacher at the business etiquette dinner.

**dues: \$9.00**

FBLA is a new club (previously called SAIB) that meets once every month.

**fundraiser: candy sales**

Other activities such as donating food for Thanksgiving, giving toys for Christmas,

**open to students in a business class**

and hearing informative guest speakers fill the club's agenda.

## FBLA



(front row) Stacy Buffington (reporter), Stacey Berry (vice-president), Lynne Strickland (treasurer), Leslie Talkington (president), Becky McNew (secretary), Sarah Jarboe (historian); (second row) Nathan Alexander, Brad Grayson, Carissa Selvidge, Rachel Pierce, Sean Sutton; (third row) Crystal Leeds, Brandi Hampton, Samantha Potter, Christy Sparkman, April Moss; (back row) William Van Praag, Jared Kennedy, Angela Christian, Kerrie Alexander, Mike Berry.

**Seniors** Jennifer Khoan, Brooke Clarkson, and Rachel Keeling enjoy their steak dinner as they keep in mind proper table manners. "I joined the club because I figured it would help in the real business world," sophomore Robert Pratt said.

**FBLA sponsor**, Mrs. Darlene Davis, assists in keeping the records straight at a meeting. "I was glad that the club held some meetings before and after school, because people in zero hour could take part in activities," senior Carissa Selvidge said.

### Seniors

Sarah Jarboe and Lynne Strickland pile items on the register that are being purchased by FBLA officers at Wal-Mart Supercenter.

The club members each brought in a variety of food for a week to donate to the unfortunate family.

Additional items such as a 15 lb. turkey, sodas, and snacks, were bought with money from the club's candy sales. "I really enjoyed participating in all of the food drives that the club held. It is good that there is a club that is so devoted to helping out the community.

The club members did a really good job of bringing in items for the canned food drive. We ended up with a whole lot of items to donate to the family," senior historian Sarah Jarboe said.





# Midwest Bank of Poplar Bluff



## key events:

## raising funds; helping and giving;

### Y2K Speaker

Chris Murdock, a computer technician employed at Bluff Business Machines, spoke to FBLA members regarding the Y2K dilemma. The speaker talked about how Y2K will affect businesses and what is being done about it.

### Etiquette Dinner

FBLA organized the first-ever Business Etiquette Dinner held at Holiday Inn. A steak dinner was served, as well as a lesson in etiquette led by honorary life member, Mrs. Anne Roberts. The dinner was intended to teach students how to behave in a real business environment.

### Thanksgiving

A Thanksgiving feast was provided to a needy family by FBLA members. A complete meal was bought by the club for the family. The items were delivered to the family in an attempt to make their Thanksgiving holiday a happy one.

### Christmas

New and used items were collected for kids at the Haven House. Toys, gift certificates, and much more was bought with money donated by the club.

## learning.

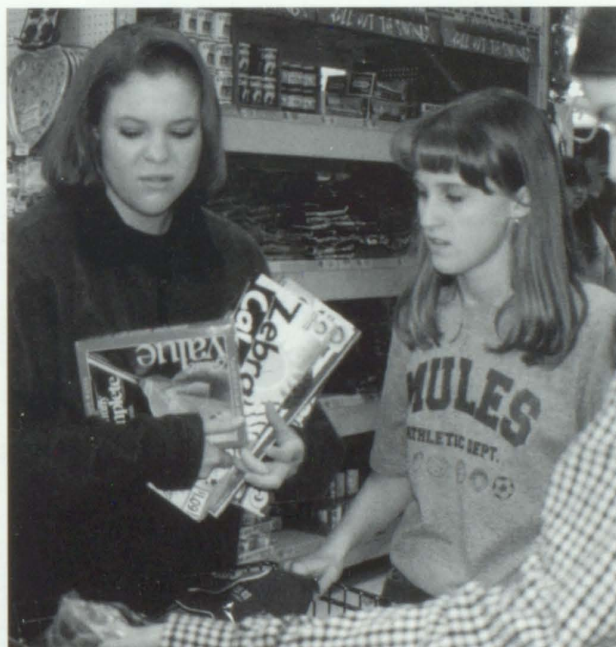
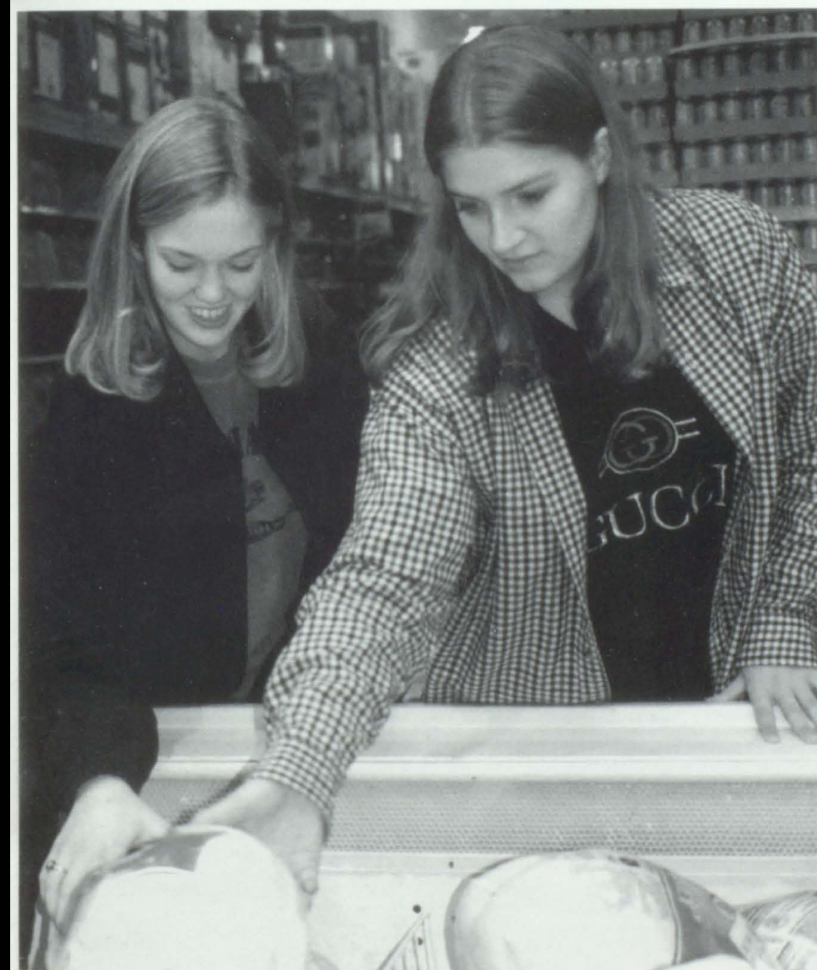
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**Staring** into their shopping cart, seniors Becky McNew and Stacey Berry attempt to estimate how much money they have spent so far. "We only had a certain amount of money that we could spend on Thanksgiving food for the needy family. It was harder than I thought to stay on budget. We had to keep putting stuff back to get other things we thought were more important," Berry said.

**Choosing** the perfect turkey can be difficult, seniors Lynne Strickland and Leslie Talkington learned as they select a turkey to be delivered to a needy family for Thanksgiving. "FBLA is a great club to be in because it does so many important activities to help out members of the community," junior Sean Sutton said.



# Planning ahead for a life on your own

dues: \$7.00

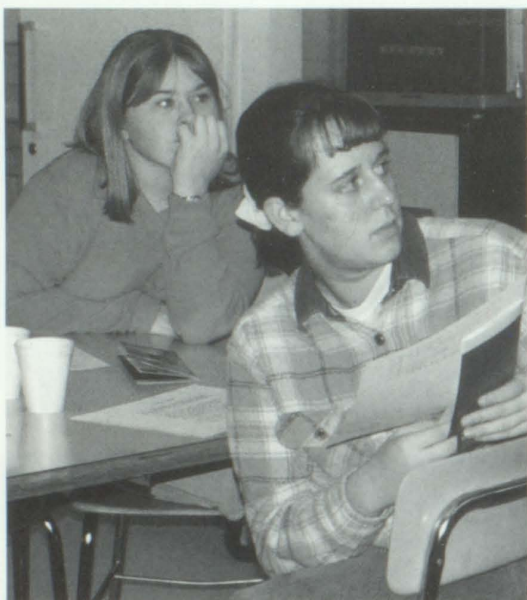
1998 marked the start of a new club: the Future Homemakers  
sponsor: Becky Shrum

of America. With the help of Becky Shrum, the club was started in late  
meets: second Tuesday of every month after school

December. "FHA challenges members to assume leadership roles at the  
open to all students

local, district, state, and national levels," sponsor Becky Shrum said.

**Future**  
Homemakers of America president Kylee Pretz watches intently as faculty sponsor Mrs. Shrum goes over announcements about upcoming meetings. "I really enjoy being president of this club in its first year of existence at PBHS," freshman Pretz said.



18  
Dec.

FHA has their first meeting of the school year, and elects first year officers.

12  
May

FHA members hold their first fundraiser as a club- the typical candy sale.



(front row) Kylee Pretz (president), Ashley Yager (secretary), Becky Shrum (sponsor); (second row) Trayani Dirkach, Maegan Reagan, Rebecca Kelly, Angela Whitaker; (back row) Sarah Hellen, Elizabeth Polichi, Ashley Shivley, Jessica Green, Tabitha Ross.

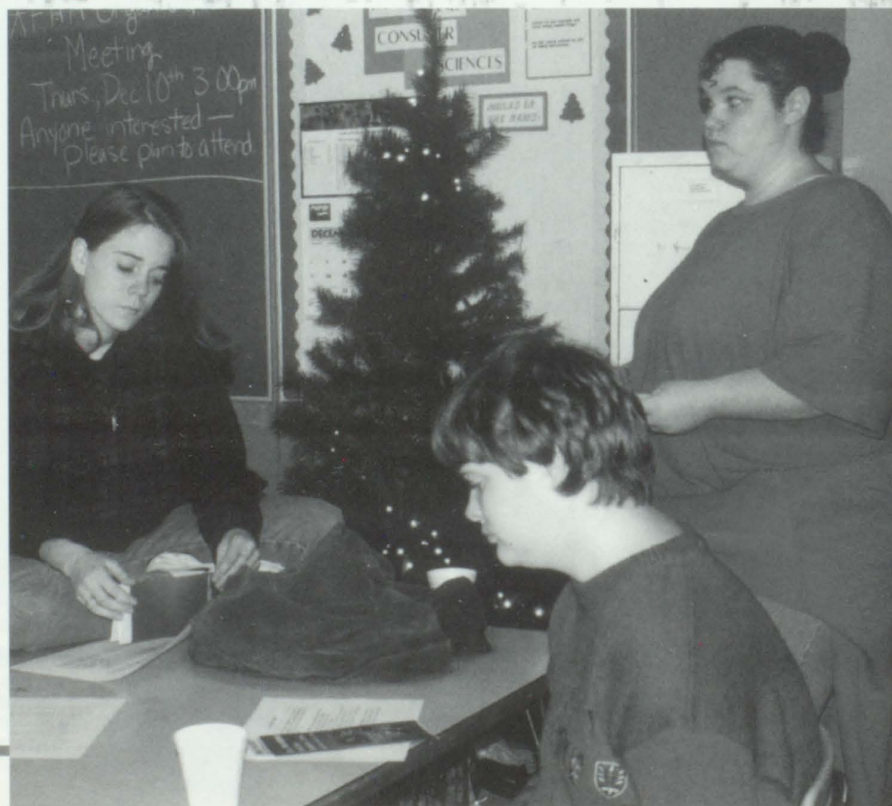
FHA



**Freshmen** secretary Ashley Young and president Kylee Pretz listen as Mrs. Shrum explains the goals for the upcoming meetings for the 1998-1999 school year.

**Freshman** Shannon Yager enjoys refreshments at the inaugural meeting of Future Homemakers of America, while freshman Ashley Young studies a pamphlet. FHA's purpose and goals were explained to all members.

**Junior** Tabitha Ross and senior Angela Whitaker follow along with Mrs. Shrum by reading a pamphlet that describes how Future Homemakers of America helps its members.







**Advisor** Libby Brown presents senior Andrea Lovelace with an honorary Quill and Scroll pin at the annual induction ceremony at Las Margaritas. Members were dismissed during fourth hour to attend the banquet.

**Seniors** Becky McNew and Jocelyn Warner enjoy a break at Quill and Scroll inductions. "I have worked on the yearbook for the past two years and have put a lot of hard work into it. I feel honored to be a member of Quill and Scroll," McNew said.

**Senior** Nancy Culbertson looks up a student's schedule on the new S.I.S. program. "The program comes in really handy in publications because we always need to know where someone is," Culbertson said.



(front row) Andrea Lovelace (co-president), Gennie Gieselmann (co-president), Kellie Opalewski (treasurer), Delania Worley (secretary); (second row) Emily Clark, Becky McNew, Jocelyn Warner, Becca Warner, Katie Farris; (back row) Rachel Cooper, Amanda Hillis, Mike Weston, Andrea Lockbeam, Elissa Rodgers.

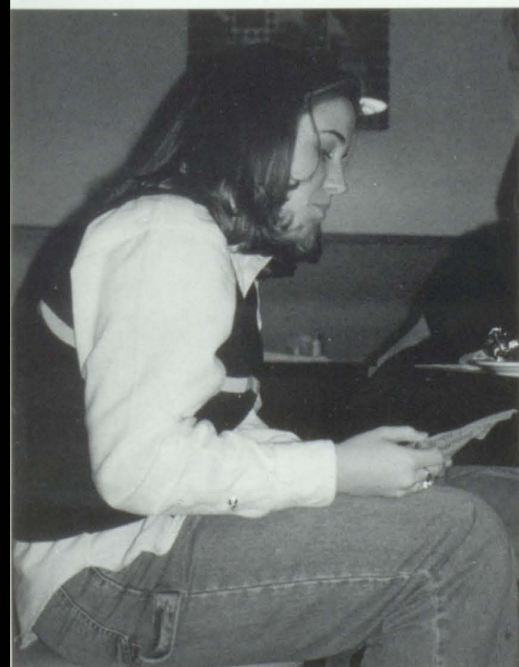
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Quill and Scroll had their annual induction meeting at Las Margaritas.

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TheJEA convention was held in Washington D.C. Staffers learned ideas for school publications.

## Quill & Scroll



### Senior

Amanda Hillis steals a few moments during the Quill and Scroll induction banquet to study for her Spanish test. Being a member of Quill and Scroll requires above average work in some area of journalism, good grades, and lots of hard work.

*It's reward for all the*  
**hard work**

**dues: \$15.00**

Quill & Scroll is a club designed to honor high

**sponsors: Libby Brown, Nancy Locker**

school journalists for their many contributions to their staff.

**meets: as called**

Members enjoyed various activities throughout the year such

**honor society**

as the annual induction at Las Margaritas and the annual JEA

**superior work in journalism**

Convention in Washington D.C.

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**Senior** Jessica Kline gives Ms. Sitzes FTA's "Best Dressed" Teacher Award for the year. She is one of two choir teachers and has won this award for two years straight.

**Signs** hung around the school let FTA members know about upcoming meetings and events. Senior Lee Ann Smith helps another FTA member post a sign announcing their next meeting.



(front row) Heather Hoja (secretary), Stewart Nunn (historian), Ashley Hoja (vice president), Katie Crayton (all-star member), Tracy Gum; (second row) Brooke Lewis, Saher Choudhary, Elaine Wujcik, Amanda Fears, Crystal Montgomery, Jennifer Bryant, Sarah Macey; (third row) Jessica Justice, Jessica Gauthier, Nicole Wooten, Rebecca Darnell, Sarah Rohde, Heather Mitchell; (fourth row) Andrea Vaughn, Warshietta Weaver, Jessica Lee, LaTisha Brooks, Jessica Hogg, Laura Nunnery; (back row) Lindsey Wickham, Shelley Hoja, Kim Rozman, Stephanie Woodsmall, Lauren Turpin, Leah North.

**FTA**



## FTA is all about showing appreciation

"At my first FTA meeting we played a game and I had to stand on a

phone book in the middle of a circle of FTA members. I didn't know what to do

**open to all students**

because they kept telling me to go and I was totally clueless as to where. In the

**members: 32**

end we all ended up laughing because the joke was pretty funny," says

**dues: \$2.50**

sophomore Heather Mitchell about the first FTA meeting. FTA stands for Future

**sponsors: Janna Murray, Tina Ethridge**

Teachers of America. This year FTA members had inspirational speakers, a "It's

**meets monthly**

Not Christmas Party" in January, and celebrated American Teacher Day, along

with other things. "FTA has inspired me to teach," junior Brian Wells said.

Senior Nicole Wooten hands Coach David Sievers a note congratulating him on his award for "Funniest Teacher," which was voted by the students. "I think teacher appreciation week is a great way to show how much we really appreciate their hard work and dedication to helping us with our future education. FTA is great because you don't have to want to be a teacher, you just have to appreciate the teachers and what they do," said Wooten. FTA holds many activities throughout the year to show that they care about our teachers. "FTA is a great way to get more students involved in a way to try to further their educational future," Sievers said.





**Belonging** to FTA has inspired juniors Jessica Gauthier and Brian Wells to become teachers. "FTA gives you insight on what teaching is really about. Actually, there are many teachers who have influenced my decision to be a teacher. Many teachers when I was younger would just give me a book and tell me to learn. It was really frustrating and I wouldn't want my children to have to go through that. So I want to be a teacher because I want to change that," said Gauthier.

**Junior** Heather Hoja gives Mr. Slayton his award teacher personalities award. Slayton was voted "most knowledgeable" teacher for his first year by the students.



## key events: raising funds, developing respect;

### Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week was filled with different ways to show the teachers that FTA cares. FTA passed out notepads to all the teachers on Monday. On Wednesday members gave surveys to students about teacher personalities. The students handed in their votes on Thursday, and Friday FTA members crowned the winning teachers.

16  
Nov.

### Candy Sales

FTA members sold candy for two weeks to raise money for their surprise trip in May. Each member sold many different types of candy such as chocolate bars and taffy.

25  
Jan.

### Shadowing

The first week of March members shadowed a teacher from the grade that they would like to teach. During the day FTA members learned how a typical day is planned, how to keep the students attention, and many other small tips that can be of use. Shadowing for FTA members gives them a chance first hand to see what it is like to be a teacher.

1  
Mar.

## learning to teach

organizations



## Becoming involved with

# new cultures

Although German Club is small, they participated in many activities and

events year-round. Monthly meetings kept the members informed of all new,

**meets: monthly**

upcoming events. To raise money for a St. Louis trip, club members sold candy

**sponsor: Sandy Meyr**

and merchandise from pamphlets. German Club members attended a perfor-

**dues: \$2.50**

mance by an Austrian musical group, ate at an authentic German restaurant,

**members: 14**

held a hayride, and participated in the annual soccer tournament. "The food

**open to all german students**

was great at the German restaurant, but I didn't really know what I was eating.

All in all, the trip was definitely worth my time," senior Amber Allbritton said.

During Mrs. Sandy Meyr's seventh hour German class, sophomores Elizabeth Collins and David Dugger attempt to translate German sentences into English. "I chose to take German as a foreign language because I plan to go into the military when I am older. I want to be in the Air Force and stationed in Germany. Knowing the language should help me out a lot. Frau Meyr keeps the class interesting and fun," Dugger said. "I picked German over French and Spanish because I grew up in Germany. When I was six we moved to the United States, so I already knew a whole lot of German because I had grown up around it," Collins said. Like the other two foreign language classes, German classes have also increased in size over the past few years.

## German Club



(front row) Josh Kline (vice president), Stuart Nunn (president), Brooke Clarkson (secretary), Kristen Duncan (treasurer); (second row) Emma Franklin, Trey Gilmore, Ashley Hoja, Andrea Hoyer, B. J. Lee, Derek Vaughn; (back row) Nikki Harvel, Andrew Mann, Jessica Evans, Heather Land.

German members sing a song on the German Club Hayride in October. "This is my second year to be in the club. I had fun because Frau Meyr and I got into a marshmallow fight," junior Amantha Dunning said.

Sophomore Chuck Williams attempts to score a goal against Sarah Macey and Jared Prejean of the French Club. "I played goalie most of the game, and we only lost by one goal. I think I did pretty good," Williams said.





key events:

## polka bands; playing soccer;

### Dinner and a Hayride

German Club members had a night meeting at Kristen Duncan's house. Members ate hot dogs, drank sodas, and took a hayride under the stars after dinner.

### Soccer Match

PBHS's foreign language clubs participated in the annual soccer tournament. In the first match, German Club was defeated by the French Club. In the end, Spanish Club was victorious with a win over French Club in the championship game.

### Polka Parties

Members visit the Sheldon Concert Hall in St. Louis to see an Austrian music group. The group played a variety of instruments and performed folk dances. Members even had the opportunity to participate. Trey Gilmore joined in a folk dance, and Kristen Duncan blew the alpine horn.

### Tasting Culture

After members attended the Austrian music concert, they went to Schneithorst's, a German restaurant to taste authentic German food.

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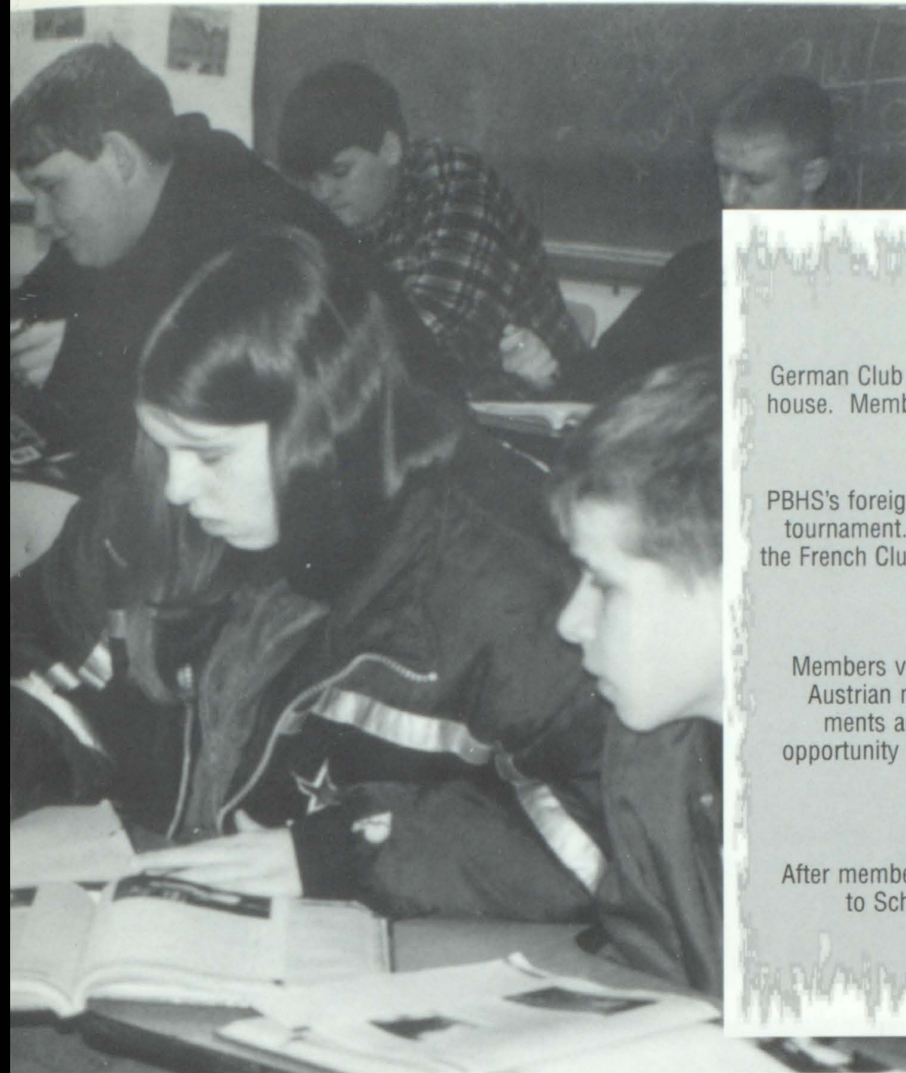
## experiences

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**Junior** Trey Gilmore joins an austrian music group in a folk dance. Members were able to listen and watch an authentic German performance. "I was doing a traditional German Slap dance. They asked for volunteers and everyone raised their hands, but I just ran up there. I won second in the dance contest," Gilmore said.

**German Club** Treasurer Kristen Duncan attempts to blow an alpine horn. "I was picked from the audience and out of six people I lost the contest. It took a big breath and a lot of energy to blow in the horn. After the contest we ate at this really neat German restaurant. The food was really interesting because it was good and I have never even heard of it," Duncan said.



key events:

# raising flags taking risks;

11  
Nov.

## Honor Guards

On every major holiday a group of cadets volunteers to put up flags in town. With pride in their minds and hearts, they honor the reason the flags are going up.

1  
Oct.

## Rapelling

Cadets get the chance to go rapelling at the Wappapello training site. After they rapell the cadets drive a hummer, practice shooting, and rapell again. They are also are given a MRE (Meal Ready to Eat).

21  
Nov.

## Adventurous Exploring

The Explorers were taken into the middle of the woods and taught how to survive. They even had to eat a bug or two.

25  
Dec.

## Adopt-A-Family

For Christmas, JROTC adopted a family consisting of a single mother with two small children. They collected over \$500 worth of presents to give to the family. In doing this, JROTC was able to share a little of their Christmas spirit.

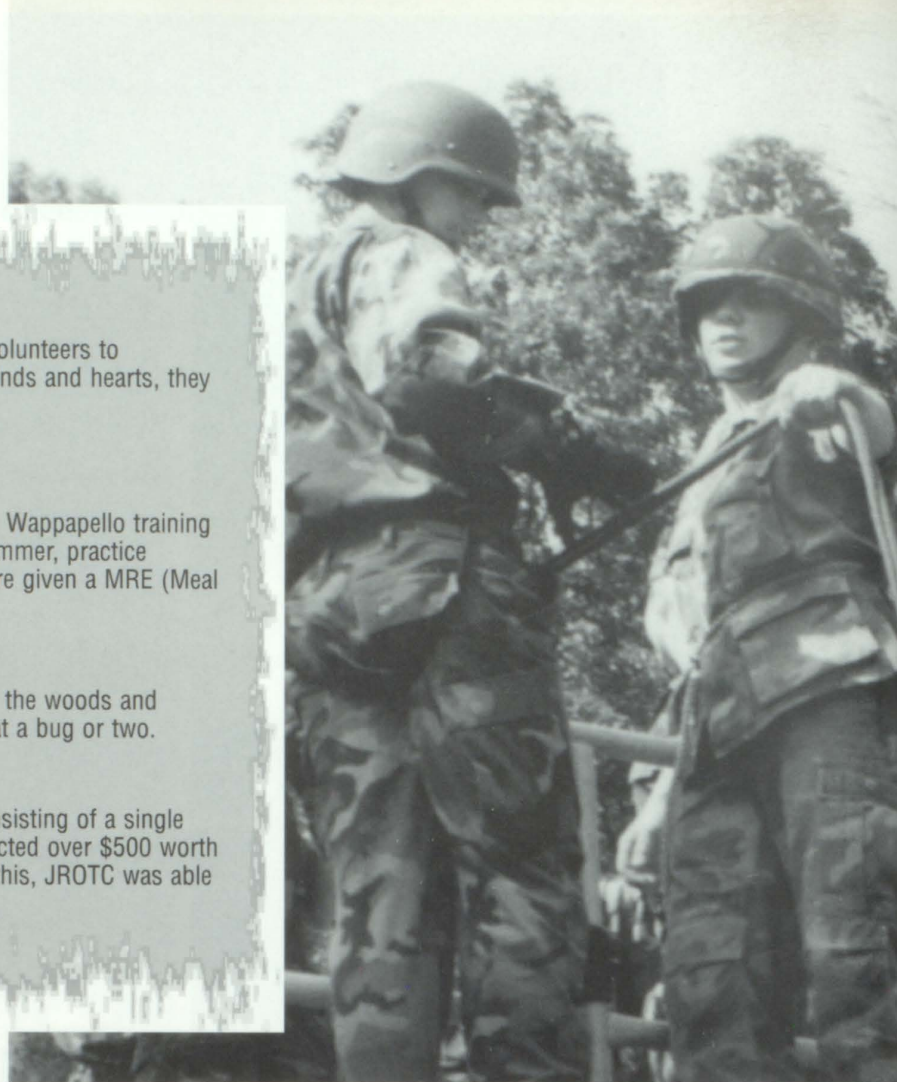
learning  
**dedication**

# Drill Team



(front row) Matt Walters, Chris Sullivan, Rebecca Burns, Timothy Knight, Jeffrey Kanell; (second row) Adam Barks, Chrisalla Hicks, Stephanie Gebelhardt, Marie Hudson, Myesha Roberts, Jessica Evans; (third row) Lee Ann Hopson, Adrienne Sinclair, Ebony Stigall, April Martin, Lynn Hunter, Erica Jackson, Aleasha Sherrod; (fourth row) Adam Hilburn, Chad Whited, Chris Hulan, Sarah Breckenridge, Crystal Ethridge, Mary Stadler; (fifth row) Mark Slapczynski, Dustin Ramsey, Joshua Pitman, Kenneth Proctor, Cynathena Forsythe; (back row) Jason Pruett, Eric Williams, Sam Hazel, Stephen Smith.

At Fort Leonard Wood Summer Camp the cadets were taken to the confidence course, and had to overcome a lot of obstacles. Sophomore Marie Hudson tries to weave through wooden planks.





*Loud, proud, loyal and true, we are the*

**Senior** Jeffrey

Kanell teaches a first year cadet how to rapell off the side of the bathrooms in Bacon Park.

"Once you repell, you're hooked. There are different ways to rapell, but a dangerous one is called 'going ozzie.' That's where you jump off the top of the tower, with no wall, and fall face forward. I've tried it, and I think everyone should," Kanell said. All the new cadets had to practice before they could rapell down the forty foot rapelling tower at Wappapello Lake. Over fifty cadets went rapelling after they got such a kick out of going down the bathrooms. None of the cadets would chicken out, but some took a lot of persuading.

# Mule Battalion

"It's hard being on drill team because you have to be totally dedicated at

all times and you can never give up," sophomore Angela Cox said. Drill team is

**Uniform Day: Thursday**

a dedicated group of cadets who practice everyday and are determined to be the

**Ft. Leonard Wood Summer Camp**

best. "I love being on color guard even though it takes forever to learn to be

**Sponsored By:**

completely in sync with your partner, be it a flag or guard, at all times," sopho-

**Colonel R. Osowski**

more Crystal Ethridge said. Color Guard is another team that has to practice as

**SFC J. Richardson**

often as possible. These two teams, along with marksmanship, raiders, P.T.

team, and exhibition fill many students' schedule with activities.

## Alpha Co.



(front row) Billy Moore, Matt Mobley, Bryan Hill, Daniel Young, Ron Harty, Cathy Canady; (second row) Myesha Roberts, Jermain Webb, Joshua Pitman, Marie Hudson, Josh Gourley, Dustin Ramsey, Anthony Neel; (third row) Lisa Clemons, Jeremy Kime, Bryce Colvin, Jessica Evans, Crystal Ethridge, Stephen Smith, Chris Grobe; (fourth row) Mary Stadler, David Landreth, Sheila Wallace, Victoria Webb, Tony Sandus, Rustin Kinder, Brian Reed; (fifth row) Dan Elder, Lynn Hunter, Tequila Higgins, Georgeanne Lasley, Chriscella Hicks, Cynathena Forsythe, Donald Dalpian; (back row) Angela Cox, James Potter, Lester Knox, Stephanie Gebelhardt, Mark Slapczynski, Eric Wykowski.

**Junior** James Potter aims his rifle, getting ready to fire. Potter is very active in marksmanship.

**Cadets** got the chance to go white water rafting in large groups. They had to use teamwork to get back.



**Junior** Daniel Pruett climbs a tree to scale it for the rest of his team. Cadets use trees a lot to make one, two, and three rope bridges. They make them so tight that they are safe to go across even if they are made of only one rope!

**Cadets** who went to Fort Leonard Wood summer camp found out rather quickly that drill sergeants love to give them push-ups. They found themselves doing push-ups every time their drill sergeant felt cruel. (All the time.)



(front row) Dustin Berry, Allen McCoy, Beth Thompson, Adam Barks, George Lasley, Tim Knight, Shontay Balch; (second row) Kenneth Proctor, Doug Edwards, Matthew Atteberry, Chris Hulan, April Martin, Raymond Trice; (third row) Jeff Tyler, Eric Williams, Robert Huddleston, Kara Abney, Chad Whited, Jason Pruett; (fourth row) Charles Greer, Rebecca Burns, Adrienne Sinclair, Ebony Stigall, Aleasha Sherrod, Jesse Sutton; (fifth row) Lee Ann Hopson, Erica Jackson, Paige Garb, Nikki Davis, Johnna Douglas, Laura Sanchez; (back row) Shawn Manis, Adam Hilburn, Donald Dunaway.

**Bravo Co.**



*We move like lightning*

sound like **THUNDER**

Hooah (Who-ah) n. Slang word used in the military meaning everything

but "no." Poplar Bluff High School JROTC is 100% hooah. They are an honor  
open to everyone

unit with distinction, and proudly prove it everyday. "The cadets work endless  
cadets control the battalion

hours every year keeping this program going," army instructor Johnny Richardson  
honor unit

said. The program is broken up into staff sections and companies that are  
competes with other schools

headed by senior cadets. The cadet with the overall responsibility for the rest of  
five teams to join

the battalion is the battalion commander. This year the commander is senior

Jeffrey Kanell.

**Sophomore**

Kenny Proctor teaches junior Daniel Young the correct way to fold the flag. "I like doing honor guards. I get a kick out of having people watch us. It gives me a sense of pride," junior Daniel Young said. JROTC takes care of the school flag everyday by putting it up in the morning and taking it down in the afternoon. All of the cadets have complete and total pride in the American flag, and enjoy their job being a part of these honor guards. "There's always a guarantee that there will be a bunch of cadets ready to put up or take down the flag everyday," sophomore Kenny Proctor said. The honor guards also bring out the flag at assemblies and at other school functions that are not during school hours, including football games, banquets and inductions.





The LRC (Learning Reaction Course) was a challenging way for cadets to learn to put their heads together and work as a team. There were 15 obstacles that the cadets had to overcome, and they could not do it without each other. The LRC challenged the cadets mentally and physically. These cadets work to get a box of ammunition across a tall wall without a ladder, using only each other.

## Command Staff



(front row) Daniel Pruett (Battalion XO), Jeffrey Kanell (Battalion Commander), Chris Sullivan (Battalion CSM); (second row) Dustin Berry (Bravo Co. 1SG), Matthew Walters (S-4 OIC), James Potter (Alpha Co. Commander), Stephanie Peters (S-2 OIC); (back row) Andrew Shain (S-1 AOIC), Sarah Breckenridge (S-3 NCOIC).

### key events:

**accepting challenges;  
making  
differences;**

#### **Ft. Leonard Wood**

On this day, cadets embark on an action-packed learning experience in a one-week trip to Fort Leonard Wood to get a feel of what it's like to be in the actual army. It lasts from June 7 to June 13.

**7**  
June

#### **Dining In**

Every year a dinner is held for a few select cadets. At this dinner they must have complete control and manners, because if they make one false move or if there is something wrong with their uniform, they get punished by having to drink from the grog, a toilet filled with things that go really horribly together.

**7**  
May

#### **Veteran's Day**

On Veteran's Day cadets went around Poplar Bluff putting up flags and participating in ceremonies honoring the veterans. They also went to a ceremony at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center where awards were presented to the brave veterans who risked their lives to save others.

**11**  
Nov.

overcoming  
**obstacles**



## Key Club trains

# future leaders

"This is so much better than school lunch," senior Sarah Jarboe said

about going to weekly Kiwanis meetings at Dumplin's. Every Thursday, one of

**open: to all classes**

the Key Club officers takes three other club members to the Kiwanis meeting.

**sponsors: Libby Brown, Gary Lewis**

The members get to see how the Kiwanians conduct their meetings, as well as

**parent club: Kiwanis**

eat free food. Key club is a service club open to all students. Its members do all

**dues: \$10.00**

kinds of service activities, such as adopting and cleaning up a highway, deliver-

**meets: every other Tuesdays**

ing Christmas cards to nursing home residents, and giving roses to all of the

teachers at the high school on Good Neighbor Day.

**Wearing a** bright orange vest, junior Aaron Wheeler is ready to work at the roadblock in front of Wal-Mart. The Kiwanis Club, which is the mentor club for Key Club, provided the vests for the workers as they stood by the highway to collect donations. "I overslept that morning and didn't get to Wal-Mart till late," Wheeler said. "When I got there I didn't see anyone so I thought I missed it and I went and got a haircut. When I got done I drove back by Wal-Mart and saw a lot of people on the street, so I pulled in, got my vest and bucket, and started collecting money. Some people were stingy about sparing a little change, but for the most part, everyone was really giving. I even had some lady give me candy," he added.

## Key Club



(front row) Jamie Crawford, Katie Crayton, Delania Worley, Sarah Montgomery (president), Jared Kennedy (vice president), Kellie Opalewski; (second row) Meagan Edington, Stasha Persons, Shamonie Latham, Ashley Aden, Kristin Woolverton, Emily Clark, Melanie Smith, Chuck Williams; (third row) Stacey Berry, Christy Lansford, Angela Christain, Sara Lawson, Andrea Lovelace, Alisha Ezell, Jessica Kennedy, Amanda Hillis; (fourth row) Amanda Fears, Lindsay Lovelace, Amanda Whittenburg, Lauren Smith, Brooke Johnson, Lindsay Brown, Ashley Shivley, Amanda Sullivan; (fifth row) Stacey Buffington, Becky McNew, Leslie Talkington, Lynne Strickland, Sandy Stephens, Rajeran George, Jessica Lee; (sixth row) Rachel Keeling, Sarah Jarboe, Aaron Wheeler, Joanne Huck, Jenna Magruder, Jeff Hicks, Kyle Walsh, Mark Yarbrow, Seth Merriman; (back row) Josh Love, Neal McVey, Corey Brown, Chris Rickman, Sean Sutton, Becca Warner (treasurer), Gennie Gieselmann (secretary), Jocelyn Warner.

**Key Club sponsor** Ed Dust explains what to do at the Wal-Mart roadblock to freshman Shannon Huett. Members who worked stayed for more than four hours and raised over \$700.

**Junior** Rajeran George enjoys a meal at Dumplin's during a Kiwanis club meeting. "I was excited because I'd never gotten to go to one of the lunches at Dumplin's before," George said.





# key events: raising funds; helping others;

## Roadblock

One of the main fundraisers for Key Club is the annual Wal-Mart roadblock. When Key Club members accept donations at the intersection in front of Wal-Mart. The club made over \$700 and Wal-Mart donated \$300, for a total of more than \$1000.

## MORP

Key Club organized the first ever MORP, or backwards prom. The idea was that the MORP would be as much of the opposite of prom as possible: it was held in the student center, the dress was casual, and no one needed a date.

## Peanut Day

Key Clubbers joined forces with members of Kiwanis to stand outside Walmart and hand out peanuts for Kiwanis Peanut Day. They accepted donations for the upkeep of Bacon Park and for the Children's Miracle Network.

## Rescue Mission

Along with many other members of the community, Key Club members helped out at the rescue mission on Thanksgiving morning by preparing and delivering meals for the less fortunate.

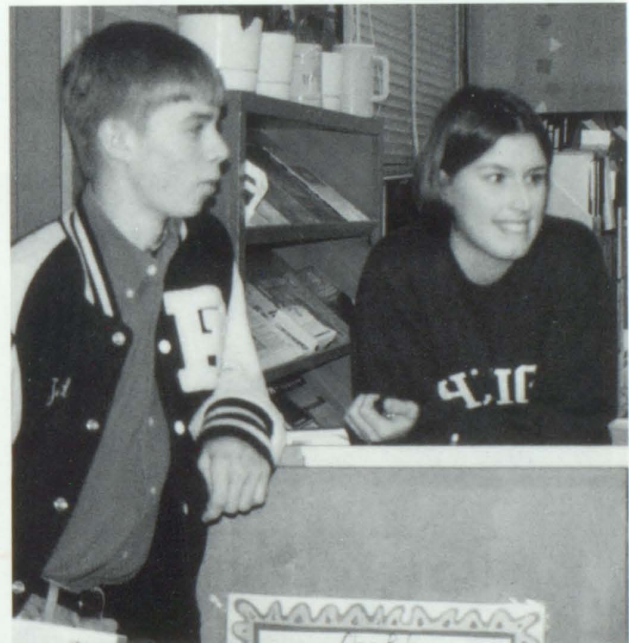
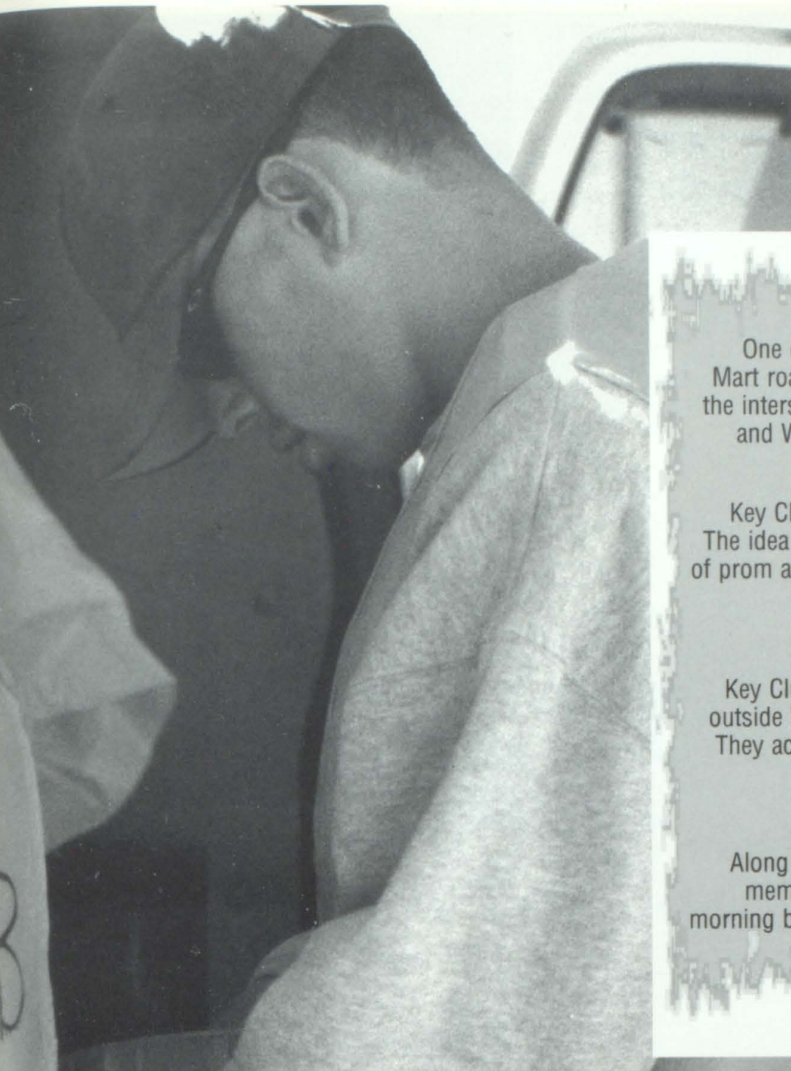
# learning leadership

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Oct.

15  
Jan.

12  
Sept.

26  
Nov.



Key club president, senior Sarah Montgomery, and senior vice president Jared Kennedy conduct a meeting one Tuesday night in room 26. The meeting was held specifically to discuss MORP, which Montgomery organized this year after the club had been discussing it for two years.

Working at the rescue mission on Thanksgiving morning, senior Becca Warner and sophomore Megan Bridges check the addresses on their cards before they head off to deliver Thanksgiving dinner to those who are less fortunate. "This was my second year to deliver the meals," Bridges said. "I like delivering because I like to see the people's faces when they open the door. I'd rather do that than stay at the mission. Besides, Becca and I had a lot of fun driving around trying to find the right addresses," she added.

EXPERIENCES



# Students learn to live lives of involvement

dues: \$10.00

In its third year of existence, Leo Club became even more

**sponsor: Mark Henson**

active on campus. Student members helped their parent club, the

**meets every other Tuesday**

Lions, with several community projects, including Ham 'N Bean day

**Parent Club: Lion Club**

on election day. Students also sponsored the Hearing Van visit.

**Leadership, Experience, Opportunity**

While being sworn in, Jr. James Gieselmann swears an oath of service to LEO club, as Jr. Chris Richardson listens. "I was interested in expanding my horizon and becoming an outstanding student by being more active in school activities," Gieselmann said.



Nov. 3

LEO helped out with Lion club's 17th annual Ham and Bean Dinner.

Nov. 23

LEO club judged posters the Fifth and Sixth Graders made for a "Peace Poster" contest.



(front row) Jared Kennedy, treasurer; Kyle Walsh, secretary; Jay Clark, president; Emily Clark, vice president; Laura Jane Busby, Mark Yarbrough, board of directors; (second row) Jeff Hicks, Mike Burcham, Eric Duncan, Andrea Lovelace, Sara Lawson, Chris Richardson (third row) Brooke Clarkson, Saher Choudhary, Elaine Wujcik, Jennifer Reed, Shamonie Latham, Kristin Woolverton, Sandy Stephens (fourth row) Luke McCann, Cody Brandt, Heather Hoja, Chris Rickman, James Gieselmann, Melanie Smith (back row) Aaron Wheeler, Jessica Kennedy, Sean Sutton, Chuck Williams, Sarah Montgomery

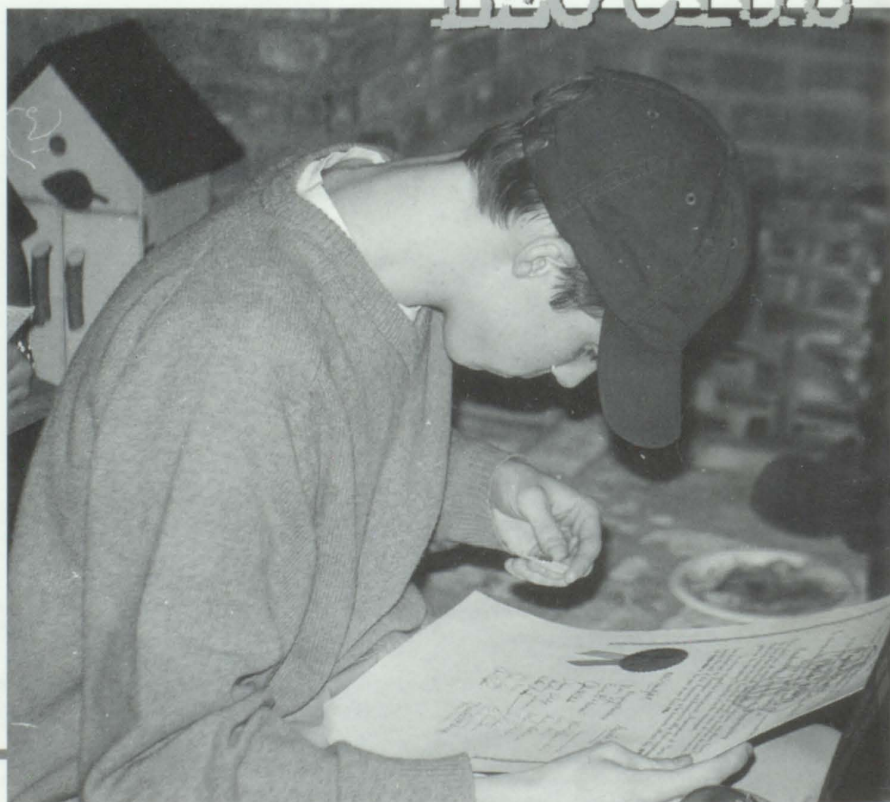
**LEO Club**



**Officers and** seniors Jay Clark and Kyle Walsh give freshman Jessica Kennedy her certificate, packet, and pin. On January 14, 1999 LEO club inducted 20 new members.

**Junior Kristin Woolverton** delivers food to a young boy. On December 19, 1998, LEO club helped the Rescue Mission by providing volunteer drivers. "It was a good experience for me. It thrilled me to see the smiling faces of the thankful people," Woolverton said.

**One, two, three...** sophomore Luke McCann counts the members who have signed the charter. LEO club was started in the fall of 1996 with only 13 members. "I chose LEO club because all my friends are in it. Plus, it does a lot of good in the community," McCann said.



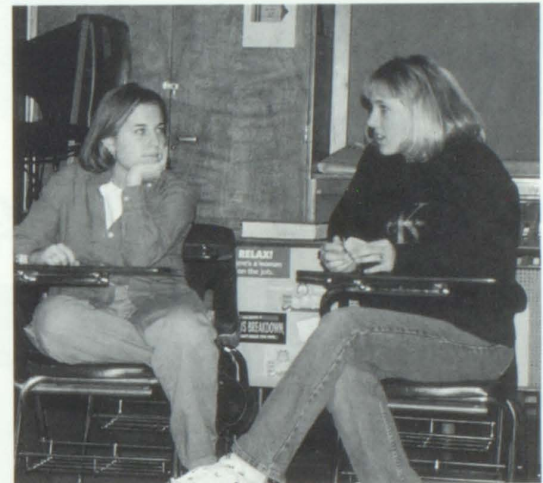




**Senior** Kellie Opalewski shows members of NIKE designs for the NIKE long-sleeve tee-shirt. The choices were different pictures of the goddess of victory. NIKE decided on the color yellow with blue writing.

**Senior** Nicole Wooten and juniors Amanda Leamon and Kicia Hawes listen to many suggestions for the NIKE tee-shirt. "It was a difficult decision, but I like what we finally decided," Leamon said.

**Seniors** Becca Warner and Laura Jane Busby discuss the results of adopting a family at Christmas. "The children were really appreciative of their clothes and toys," Busby said.



(front row) Andrea Lovelace (historian), Katie Farris (secretary), Kellie Opalewski (vice president), Emily Wyatt (president), Laura Jane Busby (treasurer), Sara Lawson (historian); (second row) Courtney Dodd, Ashley Aden, Stasha Persons, Jenny Gibbs, Jamie Crawford, Kristin Woolverton, Emily Clark; (third row) Kicia Hawes, Bernadette Willey, Lauren Smith, Shamonie Latham, Sandy Stephens, Amanda Leamon, Ashley Cochran; (fourth row) Jennifer Reed, Amanda Sullivan, Sarah Montgomery, Jessica Kennedy, Alisha Ezell, Jenna Magruder; (top row) Nicole Wooten, Amanda Whittenburg, Lindsay Lovelace, Amy Love, Emma Franklin, and Brooke Choiser.

**23**  
Dec.

NIKE spent \$150 on four needy children. They wrapped presents consisting of clothes and toys.

**12**  
Feb.

As a fundraiser, NIKE made many valentines for students and delivered them on Feb. 12.

## NIKE Club

*It's all about making  
a change*

**named after:** Nike the wing goddess of victory

This year NIKE members planned to make a change

**sponsor:** Elissa Hogg

in the club. With forty-seven members, NIKE joined efforts

**meets:** first and third Monday of each month

and got things done. For the first time in several years, NIKE

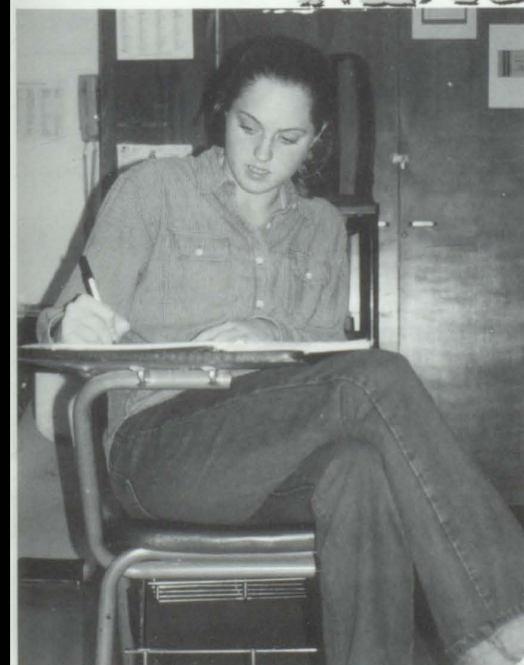
**dues:** \$3.00

made valentines for a fundraiser, and worked in the commu-

**goals:** to study vocations and prepare for careers

nity by giving Christmas presents to a needy family.

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**Senior** Emily Wyatt writes down dates for the next meeting on Tuesday night, January 12. Wyatt discusses the upcoming valentine-making event. For an experienced speaker, NIKE decided on having Wyatt's grandmother show them different ways to make valentines.



"At the meeting for 'Taming of the Shrew,' Mrs. Black got really excited about Shakespeare. She kept saying, 'I love Shakespeare!'" sophomore Elaine Wujcik said. Senior Amber Burkett and Wujcik are comparing answers.

"Literary Club gives me a chance to discuss the books and understand them more. I can understand them better in a group discussion," sophomore Amanda Srader said. Srader carefully reviews the questions.



(front row) Katie Farris, Jocelyn Warner (vice-president), Becky McNew (secretary/treasurer), Rachel Cooper (president), Erin Duvall (publicist), Kylie Alexander (publicist), Gennie Gieselmann; (second row) Amanda Fears, Ginger Simmons, Carissa Selvidge, Stacey Berry, Becca Warner, Lynne Strickland, Sarah Jarboe, Stacy Buffington; (third row) Saher Choudhary, Elaine Wujcik, Meg Smith, Katie Crayton, Amber Burkett, Elaina Davis, Sarah Rohde, Heather Mitchell, Katie Cockerill; (fourth row) Sarah Macey, Lindsay Brown, Rachel Grady, Ashley Shivley, Mindy Gallamore, Jacee Edington, Amanda Srader, Laura Nunnery; (fifth row) LeAnne Magill, Joanne Huck, Jenna Magruder, Brandi Hampton, Jera Ridens, Carrie Morgan, Gayle Nidiffer, Cassie Kelley; (back row) Ben Haas, Leslie Talkington, Jared Prejean, Andrew Mann, Michael Weston, and Aaron Wheeler.

# Literary Club

## group settings increase understanding

"Literary Club is a great outlet if you are working toward 100 Charlie

Classics or extra credit for your English teacher," senior Carissa Selvidge said.

open to all classes

Literary Club provides students an opportunity in a group setting to have their

annual trip: Les Miserables

books mentored while involving everyone in the discussion. "When I moved to

dues: \$2.00

Poplar Bluff I wanted to get an idea of the mentoring system and how it works. I

sponsors: Rose Marie Batson, Gayla Fritts, and Cheri Cato

heard Literary Club was a group discussion and that appealed to me. I also

meets monthly

heard mentoring was one on one, so I joined Literary Club to make adjusting

easier," sophomore Kandarp Bhatt said.



### Publicists

sophomore Erin

Duvall and

freshman Kylie

Alexander are

decorating the

Literary Club

bulletin board in

preparation for

the November

meeting on the

Shakespeare play

"The Taming of

the Shrew."

Duvall and

Alexander

appreciate the

many benefits of

Literary Club.

"Literary Club

helped me get an

A in English

because my

English teacher

Ms. Fritts gives

us bonus points

for reading

Charlie Classics

in our spare

time," Alexander

said. "I am

going for the 100

classics and

Literary Club is

helping me

achieve my goal.

Literary Club

discussions also

help me

understand the

book better,"

Duvall said. She

is not the only

club member

working toward

100 classics.

"Literary Club

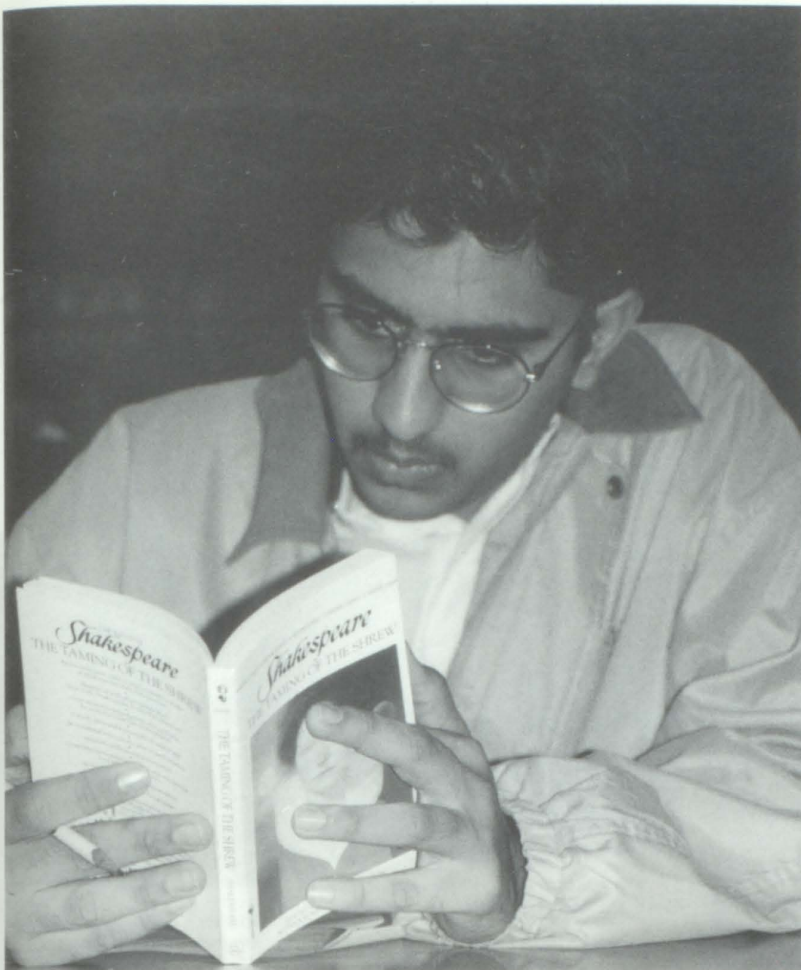
helps me to pace

myself," senior

Rachel Cooper

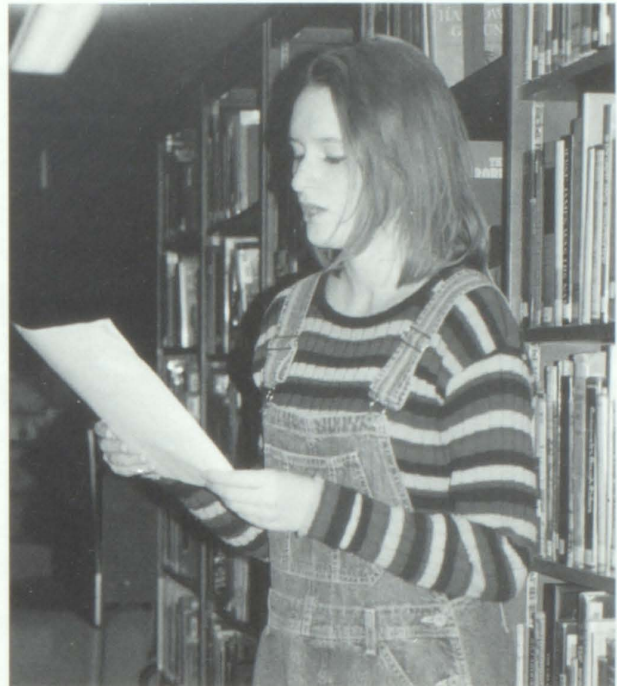
said.





Carefully scanning the pages of the play "Taming of the Shrew," sophomore Kandarp Bhatt is looking for the answer to a difficult question. At the beginning of the year, Literary Club picks six books from the Charlie Classics list to read. "In Florida they don't have anything like this. Instead, they have lots of different types of books that are categorized. You can pick the kind you like," Bhatt said.

**President** Rachel Cooper, senior, presides over the Literary Club meetings by asking and discussing the questions. "After everyone answers the questions on the handouts, I go over them to make sure that everybody understands the book," Cooper said. Each month the officers divide up the book into sections and each officer writes four to six questions about their section.



## key events: selling candy, mentoring books,

### Fresh Start

The first meeting of Literary Club was held on October 19. Every member voted on six books from the Charlie Classics Reading List to read throughout the year. Members could also purchase any or all the books to read.

19  
Jan.

### Candy Sales

Literary Club continues their yearly fundraiser by selling candy November 23 to December 7 to raise money for their tickets to see the musical Les Miserables.

23  
Nov.

### Les Miserables

After months of planning, discussion, and consideration, the Literary Club decided to attend the musical Les Miserables. In order to attend, members had to read three books, attend two meetings, sell candy, and pay dues.

1  
Feb.

### 1984

Literary Club finished their year with the March 8, 1999 meeting by reading 1984, a book about living in the future. Students discussed the approaching millennium over snacks and drinks.

8  
Mar.

## discussing literature

EXERCISES



# Creating our own road to success

National Honor Society is a selective group that

inducts students who show outstanding scholarship, leadership,

**meets: annually**

character, and service. At the fall induction meeting senior James

**sponsors: Janna Murray, Bill Reeves, Tim Slayton**

Grimes said, "When they called me into the office to tell me I was

**sponsors: Bill Ladd, Laura Dowd, Jerry Hosmer**

in NHS, I was kind of worried because I thought I was in trouble.

**members: 39**

But when Mr. Crist told me I had been selected for membership I

**selected by faculty**

was proud and happy." Senior Becca Warner said, "I wasn't ex-

pecting to be selected for NHS, but when I was, I was so excited."

"As I was signing my name to the book, my parents took a picture of me. The light surprised me so much that as I was writing I accidentally tore through the page of the ancient National Honor Society book. I felt so bad. But then, as more people took their turns, two others tore the pages they were signing, so I didn't feel so bad," senior Ginger Simmons said. The book has been in existence for a little over forty years at Poplar Bluff High School. After the induction banquet, many people took time out before heading home to look up old family members' and teacher's names. "Mrs. Murray showed me her name from when she was inducted into the Honor Society her senior year," new inductee senior Jocelyn Warner said.

## NHS



(front row) Kristen Hall, Sarah Jarboe, Stacey Berry, Jessica Kline, Ginger Simmons, Gennie Gieselmann, Angela Christian, Katie Farris (president), Laura Jane Busby, Amanda Hillis (recording secretary); (second row) Rachel Pierce, Lynne Strickland (treasurer), Becca Warner, Carissa Selvidge, Jocelyn Warner, Becky McNew, Andrea Lovelace, Kerrie Alexander, Jake Griffith (historian), Delania Worley, Jeffrey Kanell, Nathan Alexander (corresponding secretary); (third row) Leslie Talkington, Dylan Brack, Ashley Hoja, Rachel Keeling, Sarah Macey, Katie Crayton, Kellie Opalewski, Rachel Cooper (vice president), Emily Wyatt, Paul Tiffany; (back row) Andy Stuart, Billy Kingery, Jason Payne, James Grimes, Brad Grayson, Chris Reeves (sergeant at arms), and Jay Clark.

**NHS** Corresponding Secretary Nathan Alexander explains the red candle that symbolizes scholarship. "I was hoping that I would get an office. I ended up with the secretary job," Alexander said.

**New** inductees Sarah Macey and Jessica Kline listen to President Katie Farris as she announces the candidates for membership. "There were so many of us that we blocked everyone that was trying to take pictures," Kline said.





# key events: accepting honors; achieving goals

## Spring Inductions

In the spring of their junior year sixteen students were selected by the faculty to become members of the National Honor Society. This was the first chance for members of the class of 1999 to be selected. The students and families attended a luncheon banquet at Dumplin's.

## Election of Officers

Members that were inducted in the spring of 1998 have the opportunity to become officers for their senior year. Out of the old members that attended the meeting, seven officers were elected.

## Fall Inductions

National Honor Society inducts a new group of senior members every fall at an induction banquet. This is the last chance for seniors to become members in the society. At this ceremony, twenty-three seniors were inducted, in addition to the sixteen members that were inducted in the spring of their junior year. The banquet took place at Ponderosa.

## Trivia Night IV

Six members of the society attended the fourth annual Trivia Night held by the Academic Assistance Group. Despite coming in last place, the members all agreed it was a fun and worthwhile night.

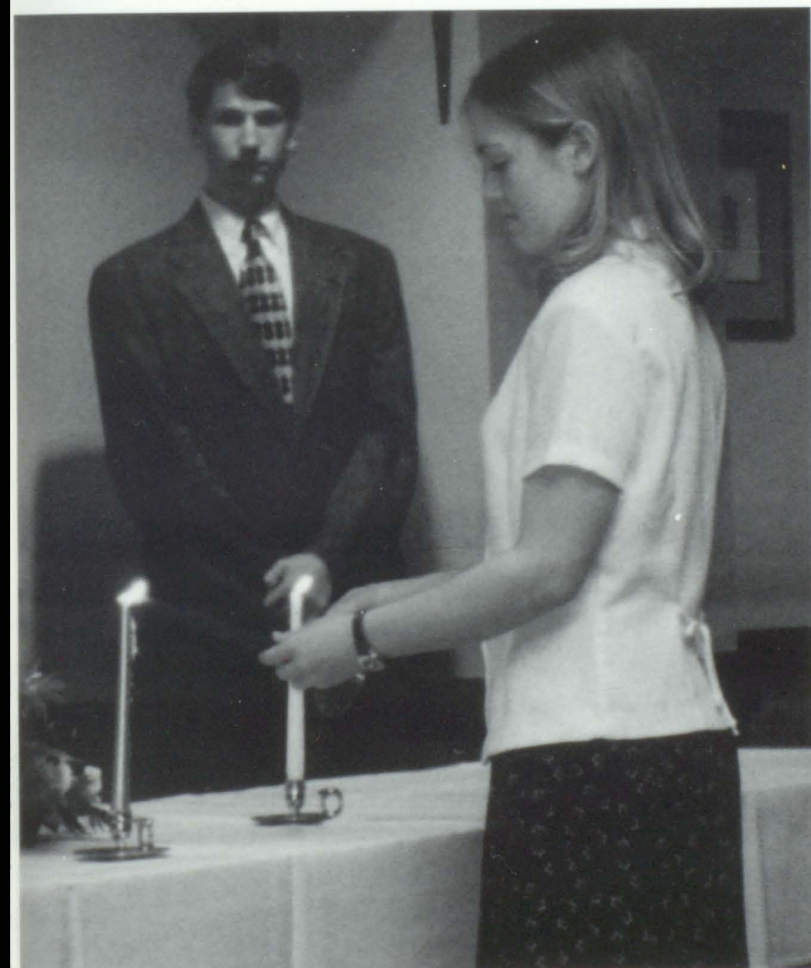
# showing scholarship

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**Vice** president Rachel Cooper and president Katie Farris stare in amazement at a trivia question that is displayed on an overhead projector. "Rachel and I weren't really sure what we were getting into when we decided to participate in Trivia Night, but then we realized that with our outstanding brain power, we could conquer our opponents and prevail above all," Farris said. Despite the confidence of the team, NHS placed last with a hard-earned score of 42.

**Treasurer** of NHS, senior Lynne Strickland lights the green candle from the gold candle, and then explains its symbolism, leadership. "Before it was my turn to go, Nathan had trouble lighting his candle, so I was glad when my turn came and there were no problems," Strickland said.



# key events: taking trips, earning honors;

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Oct.

## **Candy Sales**

One of the main fundraisers for the Bluffer is the annual candy sale. Each member of the Bluffer staff sold \$34 of candy to the other students in the school. The total sales made the newspaper approximately \$500 in profit.

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Nov.

## **First Newspaper**

Though the first paper took a while to get together, students agreed that the end result was worth the wait. The paper featured over nine articles in addition to several cartoons, quizzes and games, which have never been used before in any issues of the Bluffer.

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## **Q & S Induction**

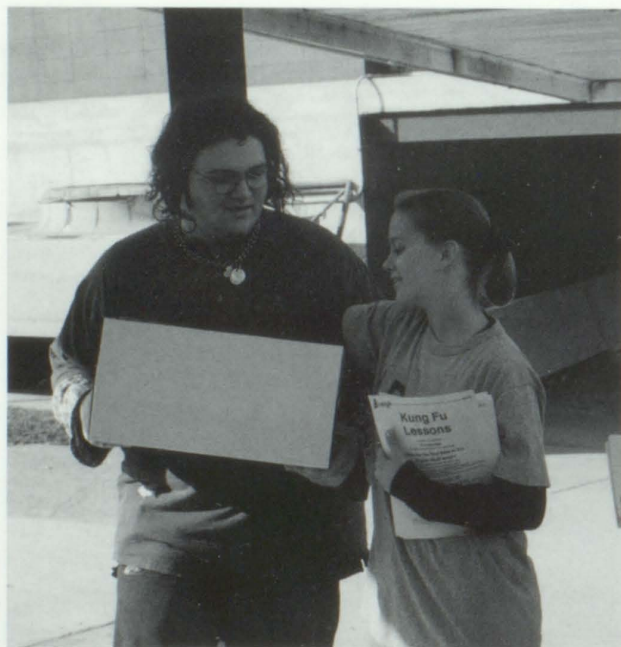
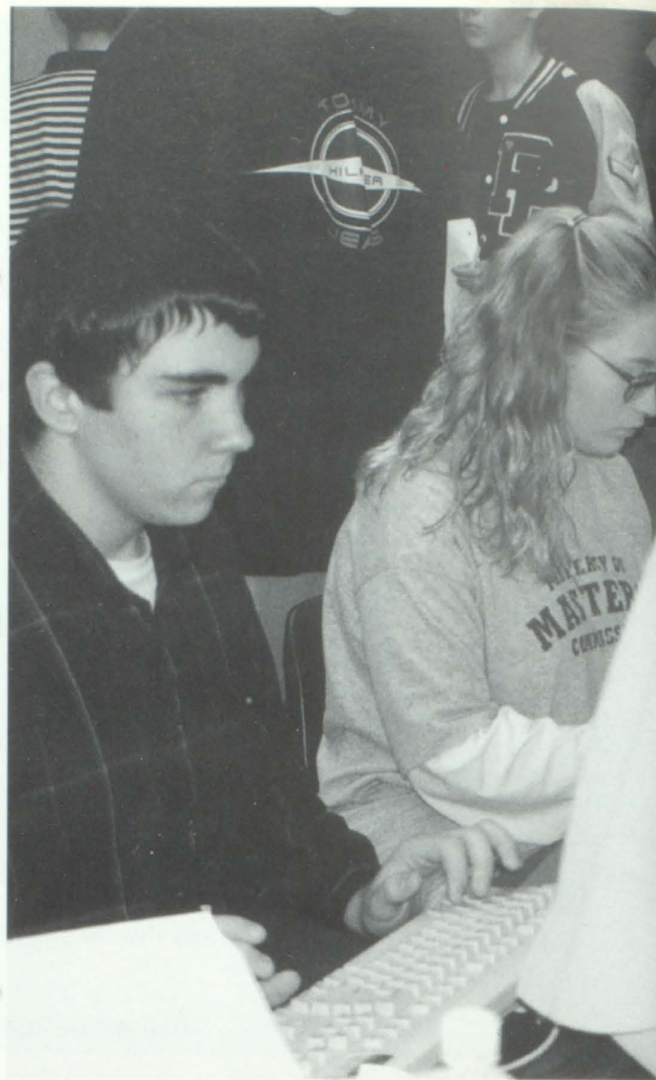
The new members of Quill and Scroll were inducted into the club at a ceremony held at Las Margaritas. The staff members invited to join have worked on the newspaper for at least two years.

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Nov.

## **D.C. Convention**

The biggest event of the year for the Bluffer staff was the trip to Washington D.C. to attend the national Journalism Convention. Several members of the staff spent six days in the nation's capital learning new journalism techniques.

making  
**deadlines**



**Acting** as delivery people, juniors Eddie Adams and Shontay Balch help distribute the first edition of the Bluffer to C and D buildings. "It was not only a good way to get out of class, but I felt that I contributed in a positive way to the staff," Adams said. All 23 members of the Bluffer staff helped to deliver their finished product to all the classrooms during seventh hour.

**After** all of the hard work that he put into the November 6 issue of the Bluffer, senior Eric O'Briant looks over the paper with admiration and intrigue. "I think that it was the best issue of the Bluffer that I have ever seen, and I hope that the rest of this year's editions are able to live up to the precedent set by this one," O'Briant said.





*Gaining experience from telling*

# a good story

**"Crunch** time" is a term that sophomores Jake Matkin and Pam Bishop become all too familiar with as they sit glued to their computers the day before final stories are due to their adviser for publication. "I only needed to make some minor changes to my story, but I still had to work all hour to make it perfect," Matkin said. "I think that I have learned how to work well in high pressure situations by being on the staff this year, because a lot of the paper is finished and perfected at the last minute possible. My story turned out to be really awesome, though, and it was definitely worth all the hard work that I put into it."

"On the Washington D.C. trip, I got to see the sights of the capital and

gain new perspectives on journalism," senior Eric O'Briant said. The national

**meets: everyday**

Journalism Convention in Washington was not the only thing keeping the news-

**adviser: Libby Brown**

paper staff busy. The team worked throughout the year to produce more than

**dues: none**

ten issues of the Bluffer. This gave all 23 staff members a chance to cover school

**staff members: 22**

events and try their hands at writing stories. "The whole idea of being on staff is

**open to all students**

great," sophomore Mandy Sullivan said. "Its exciting to be able to let other

students know what is going on."

## Bluffer Staff



(front row) Mandy Sullivan, Jessica Roberts, Shanell Mc Clure, Jake Matkin; (second row) Andrea-Lea Lockbeam, Meghan Edington, Kellie Opalewski, Michael Weston, Mike Lamkin; (back row) Eric O'Briant, Aaron Badgley, Pam Bishop, Michaela Johnson, Eddie Adams. Not pictured: Nancy Clubertson, Jeff Hicks, Tabitha Ivy, Jared Kennedy, Jessica Lee, Tiffany Rommel, Kevin Spralting, Jessica Starks, Kyle Walsh.

**Oblivious** to the bustling classroom around him, sophomore Aaron Badgley works intently on the newspaper layout that he is responsible for.

**Pursing** her lips in full concentration, sophomore Jessica Roberts attempts to come up with an idea for a story for the November 25 edition of the Bluffer.



**Senior** Jay Clark adds finishing touches to the cover of the spirit couch. "I like making posters for Pep Club because it is a good way to show school spirit," Clark said.

**Senior** Lettermen Jeff Hicks, Justin Duckett, Jared Kennedy, Kyle Walsh, demonstrate their athletic abilities off the field during the first performance at the football homecoming assembly.



(front row) Kyle Walsh, Jeff Hicks, Jared Kennedy, Eric Duncan; (second row) Andrea Lovelace, Laura Jane Busby, Amy Love, Angela Ballew; (third row) Likicia Hawes, Sara Lawson, Kellie Opalewski, Emily Wyatt, Tenisha Britton; (fourth row) Chris Richardson, Seth Merriman, Jay Clark, Grant Collins; (fifth row) Corey Hamilton, Vera Terhune, Sandy Stephens, Shomonie Latham, James Gieselmann; (back row) Luke Moore, Christian Salyer, Stasha Persons, Jeff Brent.

## Pep Club

# Pep Club works on promoting school spirit

In only its second year, Pep Club is increasing in size and spirit. Pep

Club originated last year to support the Mules. "I enjoy supporting our teams by

**no requirements**

making posters before the games," senior Amy Love said. Pep club members

**members: 27**

travel to away games by riding the Mule Train. "I like riding the Mule Train to

**dues: none**

the games because we all get really pumped before the game, and I get to

**sponsors: Gail Robertson, Jeannie Holland**

support my boyfriend, Lonnie," sophomore Trameka Anderson said. In the

**meets: athletic events**

future, pep club members hope that more people will join them on the Mule

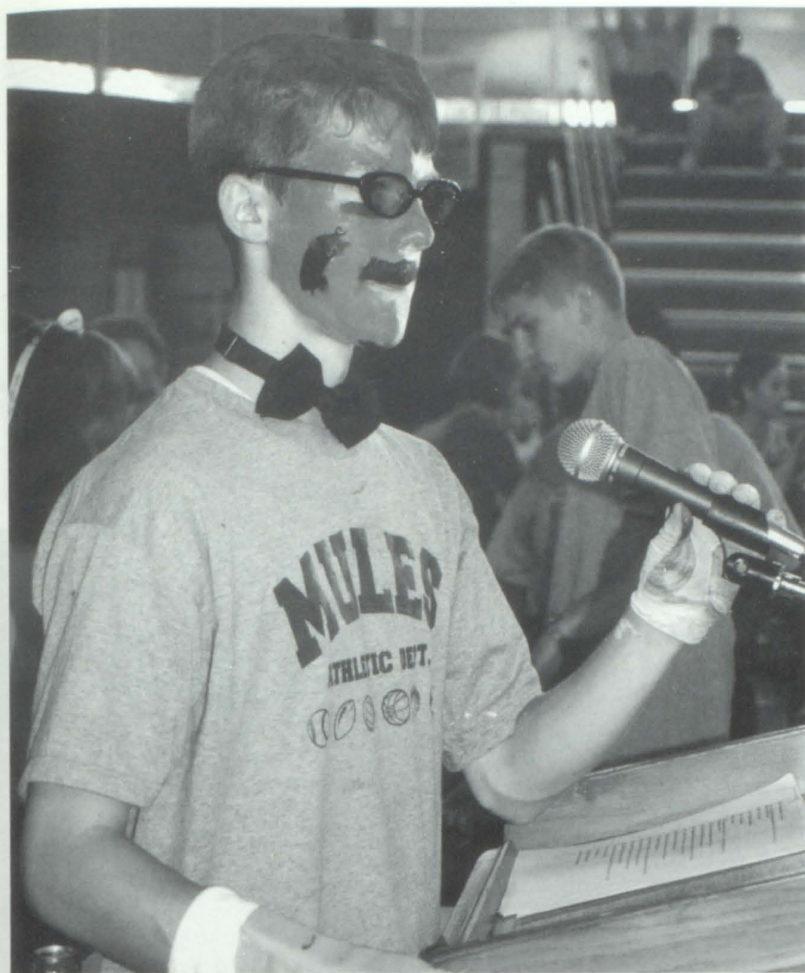
Train rides.



### Seniors

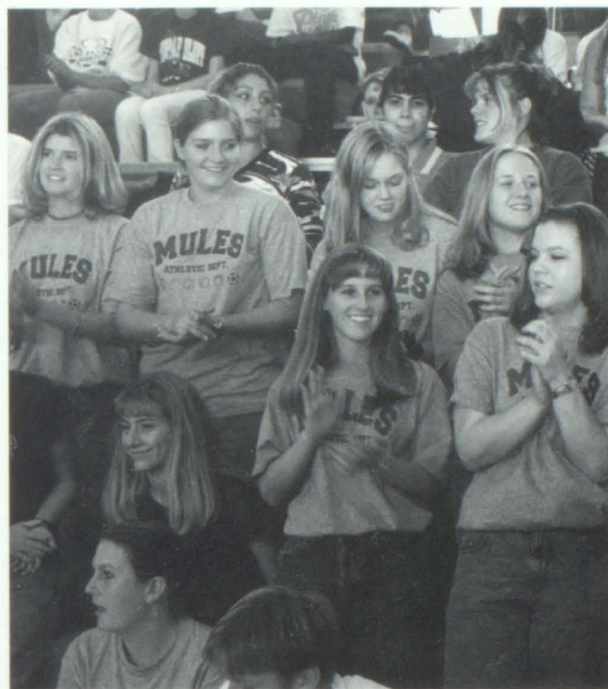
Laura Jane Busby and Sarah Montgomery hang up banners and posters for the Football Homecoming Assembly, October 2. "I enjoy showing my school spirit by making the signs, but also getting out of class to hang the signs up," Busby said. The week that the Pep Club put up signs the entire school voted on the five nominees for Football Homecoming Queen. Tenisha Britton was crowned homecoming queen at Friday's football game. "It was a tough choice since a lot of my friends were on the court, including Laura Jane," Montgomery said. "I am really glad that I am in Pep Club because I got to help out with such an awesome event, and at the same time show my school spirit," she added.





**Letterman** Eric Duncan, senior, demonstrates his support before the Football Homecoming assembly. "I like to hear the reaction of the crowd while we are performing because it motivates us to do a better job. It makes us feel good because then we know that the practices paid off," Duncan said.

**Attempting** to pep up the crowd, senior Stacey Berry and several other senior girls cheer for the football team as they are announced at the fall sports assembly. Showing my school spirit by wearing our senior shirts on game day pumps us up for the game. We like to cheer a lot at assemblies to make them more exciting," Berry said.



## key events: making signs, riding the mule train;

### Lettermen Appearance

The lettermen performed for the first time at the fall sports assembly. Although the basics are the same as last year performances, this year's letterman added lots of school spirit.

21  
Sept.

### Homecoming Assembly

During the Homecoming Assembly, the lettermen performed in disguise. They spelled out MULES with their bodies and got a great crowd reaction.

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Oct.

### Pep Bus

Pep Club members and sponsors ride the pep bus with the cheerleaders to the sectional football game in Kirkwood. Despite the loss, Pep Club kept the team and the fans pumped up for the duration of the game.

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### Making Posters

Making posters and banners before basketball games is a ritual for pep club members and their sponsors. The following day the members get together to hang the signs up.

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supporting  
**athletics**

*extracurriculars*



# Learning how to converse en español

"Mientras me 'bueno,'" instructs Señor Smith to his 4th hour Spanish

class which translates as "Show me 'good'." The students respond by giving a

**meets: first Thursday of every month**

thumbs up sign, learning to connect the word with the action. The Spanish

**sponsor: Perry Smith**

Department switched to this method of learning three years ago, and has had

**dues: \$2.00**

tremendous success with boosting students' interest and retention rates. Without

**fundraiser: candy sales**

text books and vocabulary lists the students have been able to grasp a new

**open to spanish students**

understanding of the language. Spanish club, then, has provided students the

extra learning opportunities to fully understand the culture.

**Día de Los Muertos**, The Day of the Dead, is the Spanish equivalent of Halloween. Spanish club held a costume party with games and refreshments to celebrate the Spanish holiday. Many club members participated by dressing up in a variety of costumes. Senior Christy Shannon leads the line of hungry club members as they wait to enjoy the array of refreshments that were served at the party. "Día De Los Muertos is one of my favorite activities that Spanish club has had. I really liked dressing up. We had a lot of chips, candy, and dip. We also had a pinata. It was really funny watching people trying to bust it. Some people were swinging quite a few feet off target," Shannon said.

## Spanish Club



(front row) Andrea-Lea Lockbeam (president), Brooke Choisser (vice-president), Sarah Pruitt (secretary), Senor Smith (sponsor); (second row) Warshieta Weaver, Tracy Gum, Dylan Brack, Gennie Gieselmann, Jeff Brent, Tony Gonzalez; (third row) Matt Dodd, Micheal Weston, Derek Roach, Chris Doran, Jeff Running, James Greer; (fourth row) Amanda Hillis, David Socrell, Mike Dancer, Andrea Vaughn, Erin Gavin, Margaret Orlando; (fifth row) Christina Stewart, Cheryl Hughes, Brandi Hampton, Kristin Dockum, Jessica Wilson; (back row) Carlos Coral, Andrew Eggers, Amber Dodd, Mikel Sadler

**Spanish** students demonstrate the word for cry through actions. "Using actions helps me remember the words. When I try to think of a word, I remember the action," sophomore Jana Law said.

**Singing** in class is an activity that Spanish students enjoy. They practice and perform Spanish songs in front of the class as a tool for learning new Spanish words and phrases.







## key events: selling candy; planning trips;

### **Dia De Los Muertos**

Dia De Los Muertos translates to Day of the Dead in Spanish. This holiday is celebrated November 1st and 2nd. Spanish Club held a costume party in celebration of this holiday, where they enjoyed refreshments, and participated in games.

### **Fiesta Navidena**

The Christmas party (Fiesta Navidena) is celebrated by Spanish club with a donation of items for toys for tots. Each member attending the party brought with them an unwrapped gift as admission into the student center where the fiesta was held.

### **Don Quixote**

Spanish Club members took a trip to Jonesboro to see a Spanish play, *Don Quixote*. The play was performed once in Spanish and once in English so it would be understood by non-Spanish speaking viewers, but still remain authentic.

### **Six Flags Trip**

Club members look forward to the trip to Six Flags over St. Louis at the end of each year. Members who sold candy during the year took a bus up to the park and spent a fun-filled day at Six Flags.

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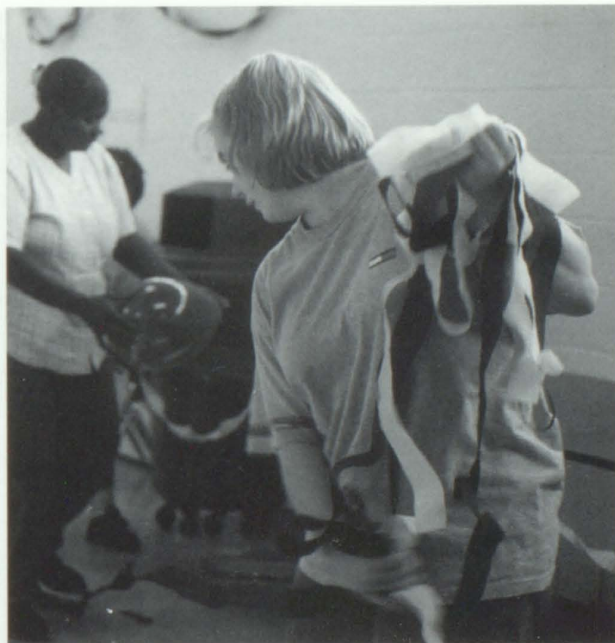
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**Cleaning** is the least enjoyable aspect of hosting a party, as many of Spanish club's members attending the Dia de los Muertos found out. The members were asked to stay late after the party to clean up the decorations that were put up for the celebration. Juniors Christina Stewart and Kandin Hicks take down streamers, balloons, and posters that decorate walls of the student center where the party was held.

**Spanish** club members took a trip to Jonesboro, Arkansas to see the play "Don Quixote." After the show, members stopped to eat at Fazoli's Italian Eatery. Freshman James Greer and senior Antonieta Gonzalez, an exchange student from Mexico, discuss the play as they enjoy dinner. "The play was really funny. They all spoke really clear Spanish. It was a good experience for everybody," Gonzalez said.

*experiences*



key events:  
**acting dramatically**  
**speaking publicly**

**Jackson**

At the first tournament of the year, Poplar Bluff checked out the competition from the local schools. P.B. did considerably well considering this was the first time any of the freshmen had ever competed.

**TRCC**

Three Rivers offered trophies for the over all winnings of a team, called sweepstakes. Students were able to triple enter in competition events which helped Poplar Bluff go home carrying the first place trophy with 530 points, 400 points more than the second place.

**Poplar Bluff Tournament**

When Poplar Bluff hosts a tournament they can not compete, but team members and drama students keep busy by making sure the tournament runs on time.

**Districts**

Only one entry per category per school is allowed. Every year Poplar Bluff has had at least three people go on to the state competition. Reader's Theater and One act divisions were offered at districts and took about two months preparation on the part of the students.

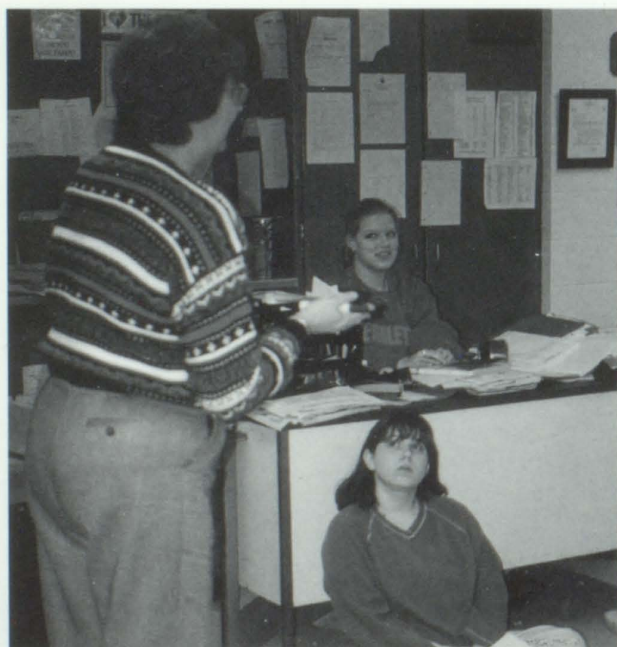
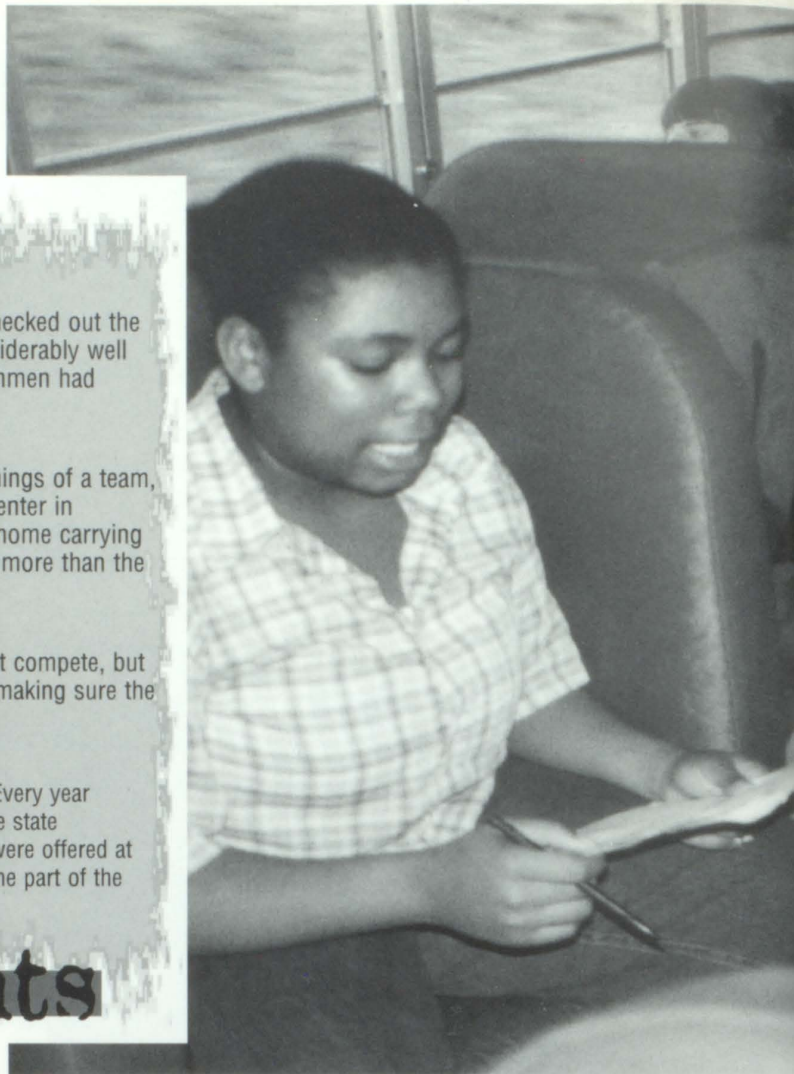
surviving  
**tournaments**

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During a weekly meeting, Ms. Seifert discusses the upcoming tournament that Poplar Bluff hosts each year as sophomores Courtney Dodd and Meredith Pierce listen intently. Finding judges, getting timers, and buying trophies are some of the responsibilities team members have to arrange. A typical tournament consists of two rounds. Of the six people picked for finals, only four leave with trophies.

Rejoicing after her second place victory, sophomore Mary Keeling struts over to Ms. Seifert. "I only got to go to a few tournaments this year because I played basketball. Whenever I was there I had a lot of fun!" Keeling said. She won her trophy at the Three Rivers tournament where P.B. took five first place and four second places trophies home.







Ms. Seifert times sophomore Zocara McDonald as she practices her radio speaking on the bus while traveling to a speech tournament. Radio speaking has to be up-to-date so most of the information is obtained from an actual radio station. I wanted to do radio speaking because I had already tried the acting-type ones and I wanted to try something different. It was a little bit more difficult for me because I had to talk fast and make it understandable," McDonald said. Many students can be seen wandering around during the tournament, talking to themselves, in a last attempt to learn their lines. "At every tournament you basically compete against the same people, the judges just change. That's good because each time I change my piece a little bit when I forget my lines or stumble over a part that I was supposed to say slowly to convey the emotion of the part," sophomore James Guise said.

# Speech and drama let talent shine through

"Ahhh! Your focal points are too far apart! No, no, no! Stop shifting!"

These are only a few of Ms. Seifert's favorite comments to get the drama club

**meets: Tuesdays**

members more into character. Speech and Drama present opportunity for personal

**competitions on Thursdays**

expression through voice and body language. Although acting-based, the team

**dues: \$3.00**

also includes debate and extemporaneous speaking. Like sports and academics,

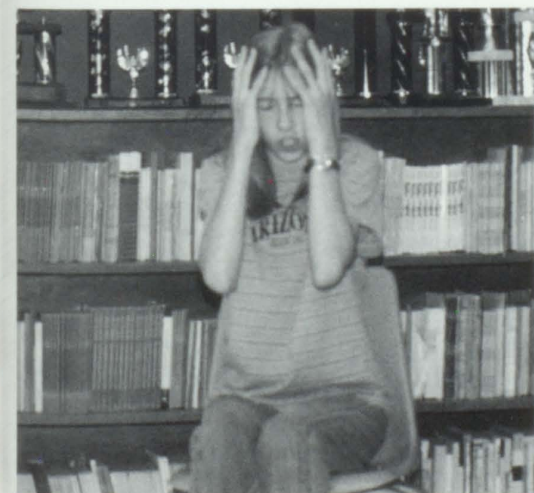
**coach: Jo Nell Seifert**

speech provides a competitive edge that gives many students the motivation to

**ten different events**

excel. Weekly tournaments give the team a chance to regularly show their talent

and driven ability to win that is characteristic of PBHS speech teams.



## Speech Team



(front row) Ms. Seifert, Cindy Harrell (secretary), Aaron Wheeler (vice president), Chris Richardson (president), Stewart Nunn (parliamentarian), Saher Choudhary (NFL captain); (second row) Mike Weston, Mike Killpack, Katie Cockerill, Jenna Magruder, Chareca Harris; (third row) Ashley Shively, Sarah Macey, Chad Lampe, Laura Nunnery, Jessie Miller, Judith von Falkenhausen; (fourth row) Chuck Williams, Abby Warner, Cassie Kelly, Corey Brown, Ashley Hoja, Audrea Hoyer, Angela Bosslet; (fifth row) Courtney Dodd, Alex Adams, Mary Keelings, Lindsay Brown, Wes Hastings, Shannon Huett.

**Freshman** Amanda Berry tries out her storytelling on an unsuspecting class. The key to this event is animation. The reader is supposed to pretend they are telling it to a group of children.

**Sophmores** Erin Duvall (NFL co-captain) and Melissa Denton (treasurer) practice their duet. "I love performing duets with Erin! It's easier to act stupid in front of an audience with a friend," Denton said.



**Junior** Sara Lawson paints another letter on the newly-created Spirit Couch, just one of Student Council's fundraisers. "The more money I can help STUCO raise, the more they can do for our school. Plus, it's not all work and no play when you've got friends helping you," Lawson said.

**Juniors** Heather Hoja and Sean Sutton celebrate a homecoming victory by strutting their stuff at a Student Council sponsored event. "Student Council did a good job rallying up school spirit, and they made the best homecoming week I can remember," Hoja said. With attendance at more than 300 and faces smiling everywhere, it's no wonder the dance was such a success.



(front row) Delania Worley (secretary), Mark Yarbrow (treasurer), Kyle Walsh (parliamentarian), Amanda Hillis (president); (second row) Katie Farris, Emily Clark, Becca Warner, Gennie Gieselmann, Melanie Smith, Jared Kennedy, Jake Griffith; (third row) Emily Wyatt, Angela Christian, Sara Lawson, Andrea Lovelace, Mimi Kingery, Jessica Wilson, Kristen Wilson, Ryan Clark; (fourth row) Ginger Simmons, Leslie Talkington, Lynne Strickland, Sarah Montgomery, Angela Cox, Ashley Shivley, Sarah Walsh, Emma Franklin; (fifth row) Ashley Aden, Derek Vaughn, Lindsay Burcham, Rajeran George, Sandy Stephens, Crystal Jones, Kicia Hawes; (sixth row) Ben Hass, James Gieselmann, Chris Richardson, Steve Buenaga, Jeff Mannon, Jacob Matkin, R.W. Harty; (back row) Jenna Magruder, Kristi Dewitt, Adam Funke.

## Student Council

# Student Council teaches students democracy

"Tell me what you want, what you really really want," booms from the

gym as a group from each class lip synchs during the Spice Girl contest at the

**elected from each first period**

first assembly ever run entirely by Student Council. This contest was just one of

**biggest annual event: Blood Drive**

the competitions held this year for the Class Wars. The class which wins each

**biggest fundraiser: homecoming dances**

competition receives points. At the end of the year, the winning class gets a

**sponsor: Tim Slayton**

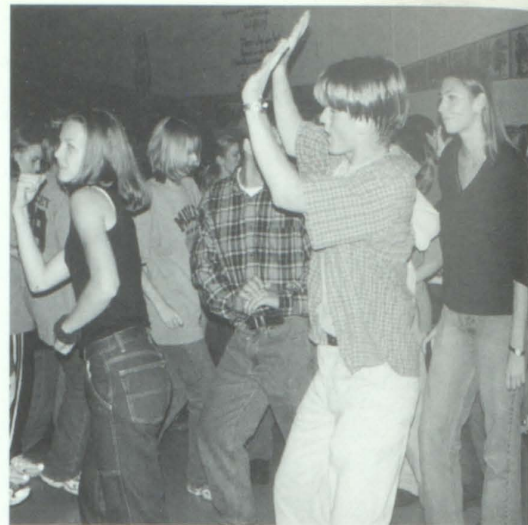
prize. Another tradition that began this year is the Spirit Couch. A couch sits on

**meets: first Wednesday in each month**

the sidelines at football and basketball games. Tickets are raffled, and the winner

picks three friends to join them on the couch for pizza, sodas and a great view of

the game.



### After

finishing wrapping the last present, junior Crystal Jones adds it to the mountain of gifts to be delivered the week of Christmas. Student

Council had their annual Adopt-a-Family project in December. "I got to

shop for and wrap the gifts, but shopping was my favorite part because I got to help

with actually picking them out for the unfortunate children," Jones said. When the

STUCO members met on Tuesday to gather up all the presents and take them to the

family, it was pouring down rain. Consequently, the presents were loaded into an

over-sized trash bag and carried out to the car. It took four

people to carry it, and on the way out to the parking lot the bag ripped.

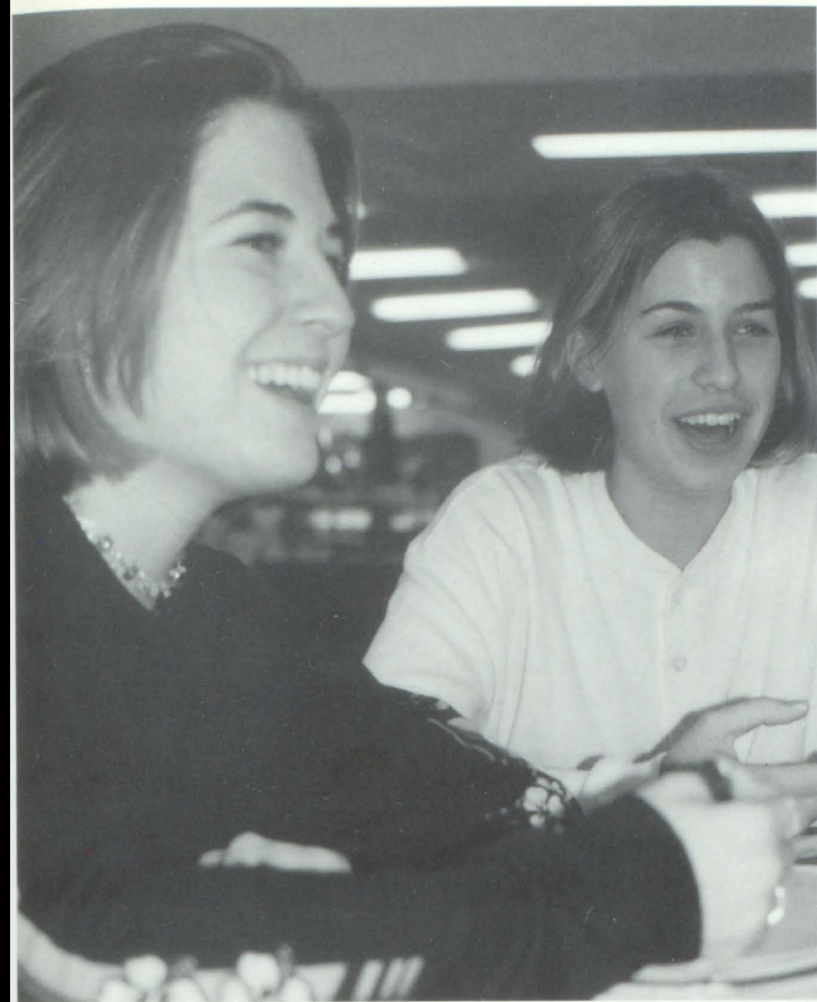
Unfortunately, the presents got slightly wet. "It was so

frustrating trying to carry that big bag out to the car. It was definitely worth it in

the end, though, just to see the look on their faces. It really put things into perspective. That's what the Christmas season is really all about," senior

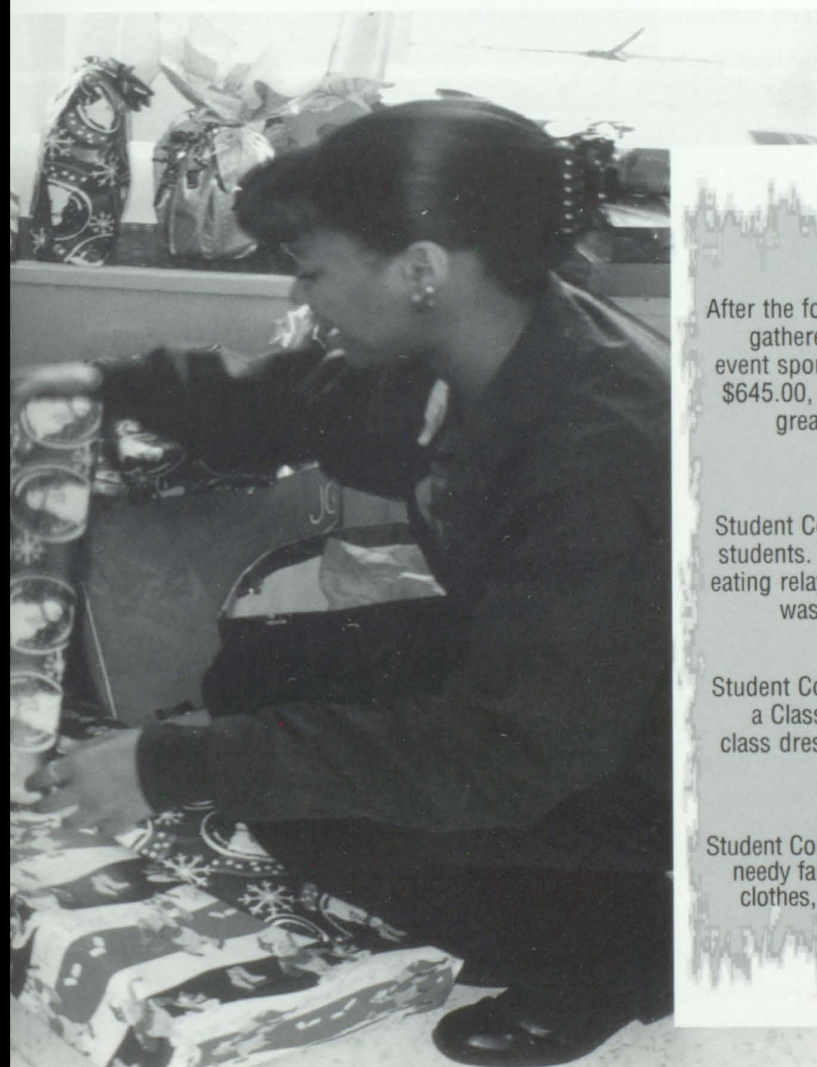
Amanda Hillis said.





**Senior** Andrea Lockbeam, in style for the '80s, tries to help the senior class in their quest for the Class War victory. "I'm glad I don't have to dress like that now to be in style. My pity goes out to those who were teenagers in the '80s," Lockbeam said. Student Council began a new tradition with the introduction of the Class Wars this year. The junior class' strong lead in the fall was going to be tough for any class to catch. In spite of the rivalrous nature of the competition, though, the whole point is to support and promote school spirit.

**Mr. Tim Slayton** leads a discussion to begin another Student Council meeting as vice-president Jay Clark looks on. "It's great to work with a bunch of knowledgeable, hardworking students who will be future leaders of this country," Slayton said. STUCO is a group of elected individuals that introduces new policies that will benefit the students.



## key events:

# holding dances; planning assemblies;

### **Homecoming Dance**

After the football homecoming game, over 300 hundred students gathered in the Student Center to dance the night away at an event sponsored by Student Council. STUCO raised an amazing \$645.00, and gave their peers a night to remember. Due to the great attendance, the dance was extended until 12:30 a.m. instead of the customary 12:00 midnight.

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Oct.

### **Homecoming Assembly**

Student Council organized the first assembly ever run entirely by students. The assembly consisted of a Spice Girl contest, a pie-eating relay, and an appearance by the lettermen. "The assembly was one of the best ever," sophomore Melanie Smith said.

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Oct.

### **Time Warp Day**

Student Council planned Spirit Week, with each activity including a Class War. One of the activities was Time Warp Day. Each class dressed as a different decade, and the class with the most participation got points to add to their total.

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Oct.

### **Christmas for a Family**

Student Council met in Mr. Slayton's room at noon to take gifts to a needy family in the community. STUCO members donated gifts, clothes, and food to give the family a more enjoyable Christmas.

22  
Dec.

# making changes



## Promoting drug and alcohol free

# lifestyles

TREND club promotes community activities with the absence of drugs

and alcohol. Among its activities, TREND participates in D.A.R.E role models,

**open to all classes**

"Dead for a Day," and B.Y.O.B party. TREND members go to the 5th and 6th

**sponsors: Ann Kneibert, Kristen Bringe**

Grade Center as DARE role models, and teach the kids lessons on how to avoid

**dues: \$2.00**

drugs. To symbolize the dangers of drinking and driving, members painted their

**goal: resist drug use**

faces and and acted as if they were dead. TREND also promotes drug-free

**meets: once a month**

parties such as the Bring Your Own Banana Party. During this party members

learned teamwork and cooperation.

## TREND

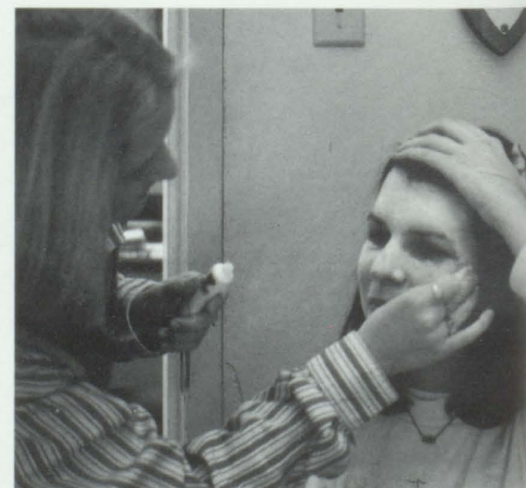


(front row) William VanPraag, Brooke Lewis (vice president), Stew Nunn (president), Ashley Hoja (treasurer), Jenna Magruder (secretary), Jessica Lee (historian); (second row) Heather Hoja, Saher Choudhary, Elaine Wujcik, Shamonie Latham, Sandy Stephens, Elizabeth Policht; (third row) James Gieselmann, Jessica Justice, Jessica Gauthier, Nicole Wooten, Rebecca Darnell, Sarah Rohde, Heather Mitchell, Lacey Markham; (fourth row) Sean Sutton, Luke Moore, LaTisha Brooks, Courtney Bralley, Tracy Gum, Amanda Sader; (fifth row) Rachel Ebeltoft, Chris Rickman, Dylan Brack, Chris Reeves, Katie Crayton, Judith von Falkenhausen, Audrea Hayer, Marie Taylor; (back row) Darren Hillis, Monta Terhune, Lorinda Reed, Katie Cockrill, Autumn Holbrook, Sarah Hellen

**Juniors** Saher Choudhary, Brooke Lewis, Sean Sutton, and sophomore Cindy Harrell enjoy ice cream, while sponsor Mrs. Bringe gives directions. Sean Sutton said, "It's a cool way to prove you can have fun without doing drugs."

**Junior Emily** Clark helps Sophomore Amanda Sullivan put on face paint for "Dead for a Day." "Pretending to be dead is harder than you'd think. It's worth it if only one person gets the message," Sullivan said.

**TREND** is involved in many activities which include younger children. One of their services is writing to fourth graders as penpals. Encouraging children that the world is not a big scary place and showing them that older kids think they are cool raises their self-esteem and makes the choice to abstain from drugs easier for them. Sophomore Sarah Hellen works hard to make her letter creative and decorative for the third graders. "Kids have short attention spans. By making their (letters and cards) colorful it will catch their attention and make them want to reply," said Hellen. At the end of the year, TREND members will have an opportunity to meet their fourth grade penpals. Many times lasting friendships are made through the TREND penpal program.





key events:  
**inspiring others;  
 encouraging  
 each other;**

**B.Y.O.B.**

TREND's infamous Bring Your Own Banana Party encourages students to have fun and work together. As students are tied together in a circle, making ice cream sundaes seems to be impossible. However, not only were they able to make sundaes, but they enjoyed them thoroughly.

**Dead for a Day**

Dead for a Day is one of TREND's most effective way to symbolize the dangers of drinking and driving. Statistically, one teenager dies every half hour from a drunk driver. In order to show this, every half hour one TREND member "dies." A dead person wears a shirt which reads "I've been killed by a drunk driver," paints their face white, looks down all day, and does not participate in any conversation or class activity.

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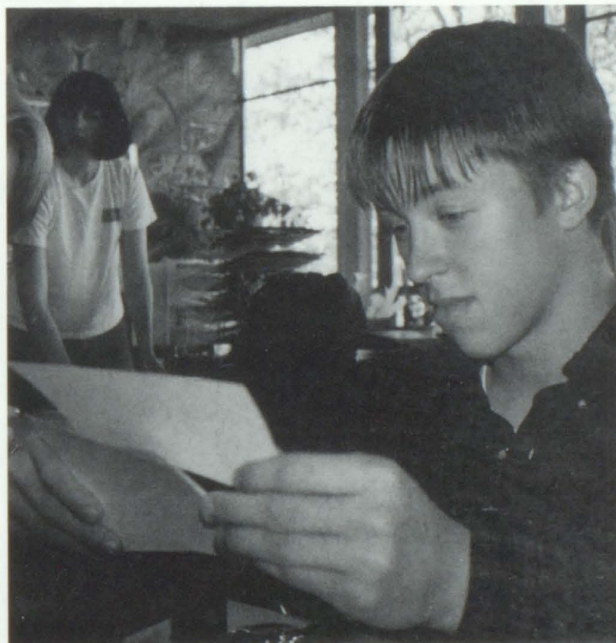
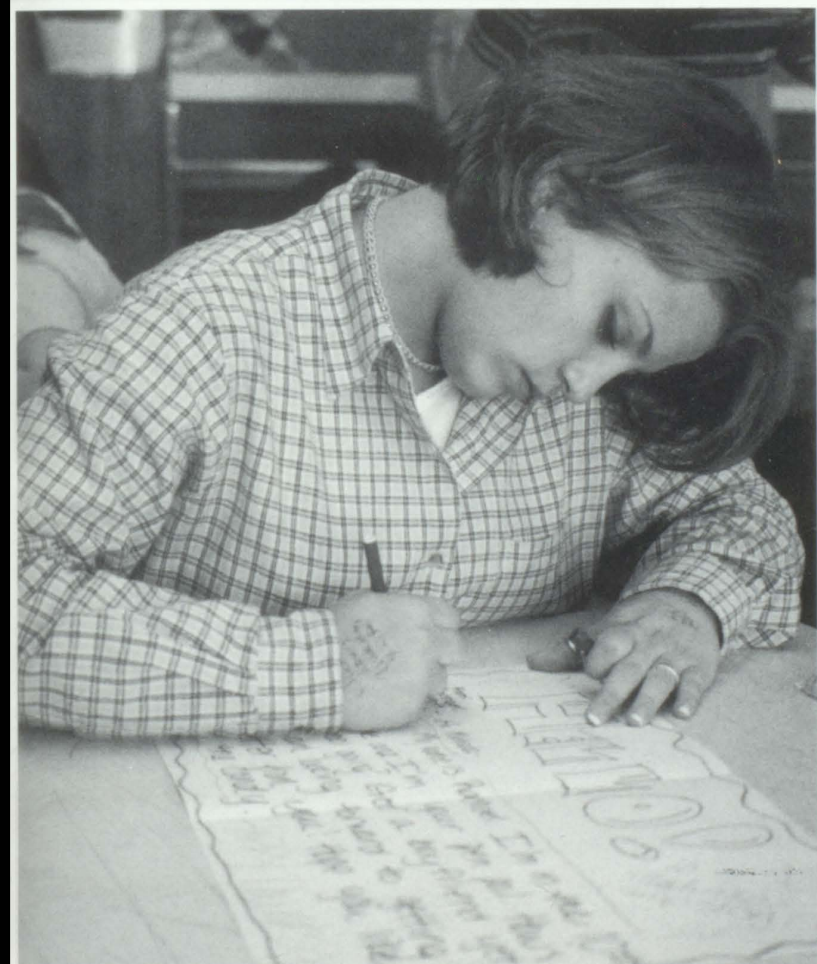
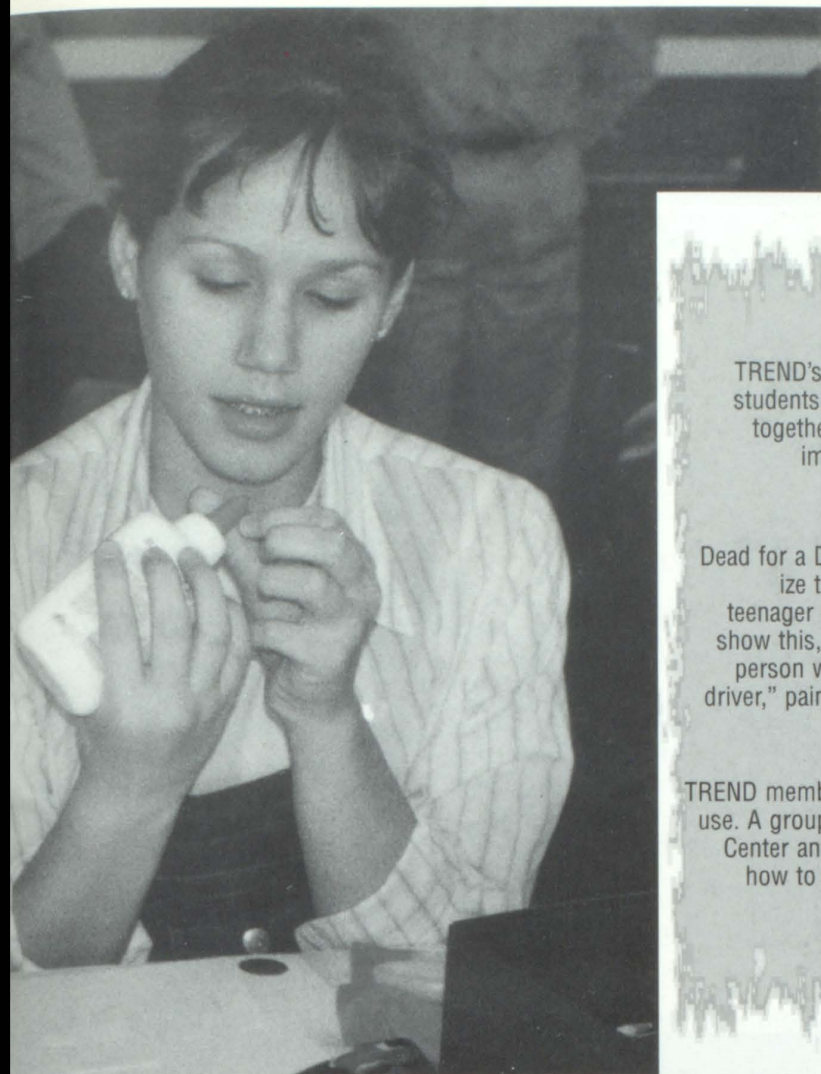
TREND members enjoy teaching others about the dangers of drug use. A group of five or six members go to the 5th and 6th Grade Center and talk to students about the dangers of drug use and how to avoid drugs. They encourage them to join clubs like TREND which will help them avoid drugs.

23  
Oct.

14  
Nov.

12  
Dec.

expanding  
**horizons**



**Junior Chris Rickman** enjoys a little break from writing to his penpals while he looks through some pictures. Near Thanksgiving, members take a day to start writing to fourth graders as penpals. The club members make all the letters and cards at a meeting, and then keep up the process on their own. This is just one more way TREND motivates the younger generation.

**Carrying on** a special friendship, Rachael Ebeltroft takes time to make her letter to a fourth grader a little more colorful. By decorating and coloring their letters, TREND members are able to grab the attention of the fourth graders and make them want to respond. In their letters members not only write about TREND, but they also include some personal information.



key events:  
skillful competitions,  
having fun;

20  
Oct.

### Fall Festival

One annual get-together VICA has is the Fall Festival. The festival was held at the Technical Career Center. Some of the highlights were a hayride and a weiner roast. All the incoming a.m. and p.m. officers attended.

24  
Sept.

### VICA Conference

The VICA officers had a three-day conference at Lake of the Ozarks. The participants learned about VICA, and competed in different events receiving rewards and pins for their participation.

25  
Nov.

### National VICA Contest

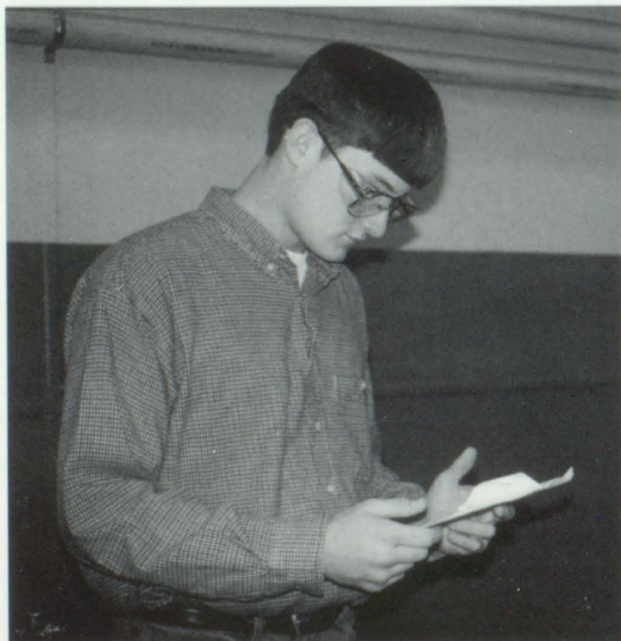
Each year VICA competes in a national contest. The contest was held in Kansas City, Missouri. There were representatives from 50 states and three territories. This event is held in a 3 block building, and over ten million dollars of equipment was supported by major businesses.

13  
Mar.

### Districts

Competing in ten categories, the VICA members participate in different activities to win in their class. This year's districts were held in Sikeston.

developing  
abilities



Senior Robert Cozort inspects a wiring diagram for a gas furnace. "I had to join VICA for my Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration class, but I'm glad I joined because we get out of class for meetings," Cozort said. In this class, technicians install, maintain, diagnose, and repair heating, cooling, and refrigeration equipment. They do this by following blueprints and checking mechanical and electrical parts.

In Graphic Communications, senior Gina Gulley opaques negatives for a project on making notepads. In this same class she will be competing at districts on March 13. "When we go to competitions everybody has a different event. Mine is writing an essay and taking a 100-question test about Graphic Communications," Gulley said.





Using a surface grinder, senior Nathan Hall squares up a block. Hall is working in Machine Tool Technology, one of the ten offered at the Technical Career Center (TCC). The ten different classes are: Heating, Cooling, and Refrigeration; Carpentry; Graphic Communications; Auto Collision Repair; Electronics; Health Services; Auto Mechanics; Culinary Arts; Machine Tool Technology; and Welding. "I am excited because in districts I am on a Health Services Quiz Bowl team made of four people," senior vice president Angela Compton said. These classes are intended to educate students in their particular fields for VICA competitions, unite a common bond, plan and organize activities, and help in job placement.

# VICA students are learning outside the text

"As Historian, I have been keeping up with schedules, dates, and projects which will go in the VICA scrapbook," said junior Carol Vickery. Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, better known as VICA, is a nationally organized club which serves high school students. Through VICA, students gain self-esteem and pride. They also develop their leadership skills. To be a VICA member students must know VICA's motto, recite it's pledge, and be able to name the nine Missouri VICA districts.

meets three times a month

sponsor: Technical Careers Center

dues; sell tickets

requirements; take classes at the TCC

biggest annual event: National VICA Contest

## VICA



(front row) Angela Croy (president), Mike Rasmussen (treasurer), Angela Compton (vice president), Billy Kingery (secretary), Carol Vickery (historian); (second row) Wayne Schuler, Allen Magill, Justin Kneir, Eric West, Ryan West, (third row); Drew Proffer, Robert Cozort, Matthew Wirtz, Chareca Harris; (back row) Katy Griffith, Richard Amooore, Ben Fiske, Phillip Scott.

Senior Billy Kingery changes a compressor on a window air conditioner. "I like doing things I am good at like fixing air conditioners because I have been doing it all my life for my dad," Kingery said.

After burning negatives on a plate, senior Mike Rasmussen presses them to print notepads. "I joined VICA for bonus points in my graphics communication class," Rasmussen said.



**Talented** freshman photographer Abby Warner has become the youngest person ever on staff, "It's really hard to get everywhere to take pictures, but I think the more I go places, the more fun I have," Warner said.

**"Fuzzy,"** aka sophomore Matt Hillis, constantly provides entertainment for seniors Gennie Giesemann, Rachel Cooper, and Jocelyn Warner. "Matt claims to hate the name 'Fuzzy', but he really enjoys the attention," Warner said.



(front row) Amanda Leamon, Emily Clark, Katie Farris (copy editor), Jocelyn Warner (assistant editor), Gennie Giesemann (computer editor), Lauren Smith; (second row) Becky McNew (marketing editor), Andrea Lovelace (photography/motivation editor), Delania Worley (assistant editor), Amanda Hillis (general editor), Rachel Cooper (advertising/business editor), Becca Warner (layout design editor); (third row) Brooke Lewis, Erin Duvall, Saher Choudary, Carla Champ, Megan Bridges; (fourth row) Abby Warner (photographer), Stacy Buffington, James Guise, Heather Mitchell, Amanda Murphy; (back row) Brooke Johnson, Elissa Rogers

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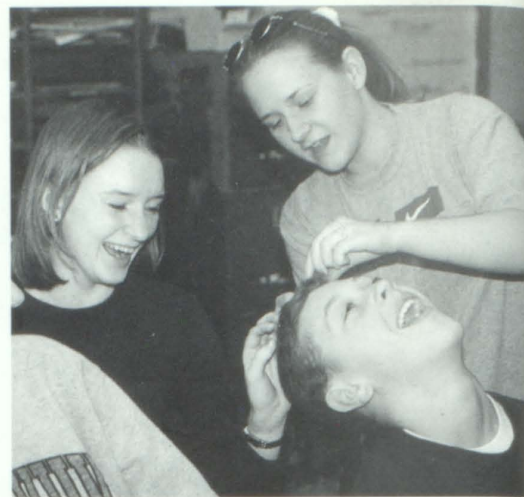
winning and nationally known. Editors and staff members, under the leadership selected by application/interview process

of managing editor senior Amanda Hillis, will carry on the tradition of yearbook Walsworth Gallery of Excellence

journalism excellence by providing Poplar Bluff with another year of documented meets: everyday

history. "Some people won't have anything to show for their senior year, but

since I'm on staff, I'll have a whole book," Hillis said.



**Bringing** some extra sunshine to first hour, seniors Becky McNew and Stacy Buffington provided everyone with a little Christmas cheer. "The holidays tend to become hectic and stressful so Stacy and I wanted to spread some yuletide excitement," McNew said. Buffington also led the crowd in some festive dancing. "Becky and I were definite crowd pleasers. With the right kind of publicity and a little more routine polishing, we could definitely take our act on the road and make some pretty good money in Vegas," Buffington said. Dancing is a yearbook tradition- when the stress level gets too high, everyone gets up from behind their computer and dances. Many a deadline has been spent dancing.

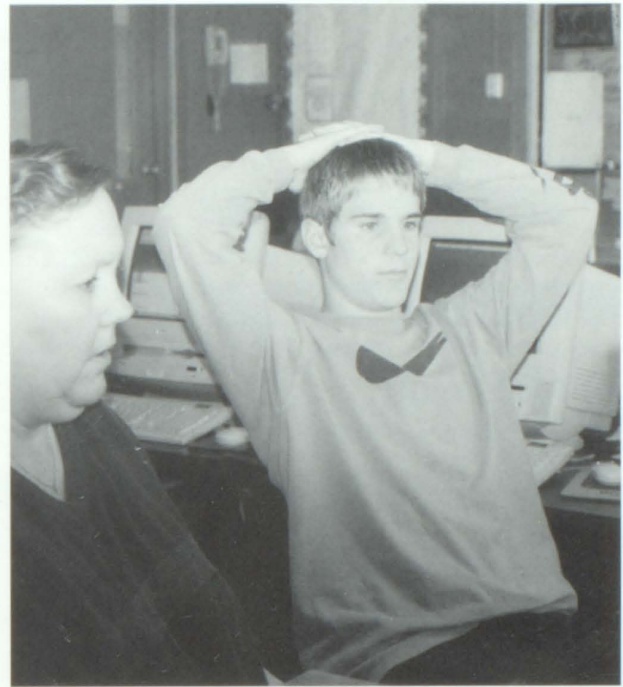






**Senior Rachel Cooper** aids junior Saher Choudhary on her layout. "For me yearbook has been a cultural experience. Working on weekends and meeting deadlines has taught me discipline. Rachel, Amanda, Jocelyn and other editors have taught me much about the culture, especially how to break it down...American style," Choudhary said.

**Computers** have made yearbook design more complex, but they certainly haven't made the process go any faster. Adviser Mrs. Brown spends more time showing staff members like Stan Revelle how to use the machines. "I really love teaching yearbook because students get so much practical experience. The skills they learn from writing, designing and publishing (as well as computer skills) are the very skills they are going to need and use in the real world," Brown said.



## key events: culinary creations; making the mark;

### **JEA Convention**

In order to learn new techniques and ideas for the yearbook, staff members attended the National Journalism Convention in Washington D. C.. Thousands of high school journalists met with experienced and knowledgeable teachers to get tips and hints for producing award-winning publications.

**27**  
Nov.

### **Bake Sale**

In order to raise funds for a trip to Washington D. C., marketing editor Becky McNew organized a bake sale at Wal-Mart and she and many publications members sold homemade desserts.

**28**  
Sept.

### **1st Deadline**

After many hours and lots of attention to detail, the first of many deadlines was completed. With deadlines ranging anywhere from 55 to 90 pages, all staffers were required to contribute much effort to achieve the group goal of meeting all deadlines. Missed deadlines mean late delivery, something no staffer wants.

**20**  
Oct.

## learning teamwork



# Learning the benefits of sacrificing

The alarm goes off twenty minutes earlier than usual, and freshman

Jessica Wilson rolls sluggishly out of bed. Remembering that it was Wednesday,

**meets: Wednesday mornings**

she set her alarm earlier. While some students would not even consider the

**sponsors: Jane Worley, Sue Cooper**

possibility of getting up any earlier than necessary to slide into first hour seconds

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before the tardy bell rings, members of YIELD find that getting up early is well

**Young Individuals Enjoying Learning Discipleship**

worth the sacrifice. "I really like (YIELD) because it puts everybody in a good

**open: to all students**

mood. It's just a great way to start the day," said Wilson.

**Making it**  
just in time, sophomore Elizabeth Policht walks into the YIELD meeting at 7:15 a.m. YIELD meets every Wednesday in Mrs. Worley's room. Usually the meeting consists of singing praise and worship songs and then listening to a speaker. Though the meeting starts at approximately 7:15, students are always welcome to come in late. "I think one of the best things about YIELD is that it's so accepting. No one ever cares if anyone walks in late or anything like that," senior Amanda Hillis said. "You don't really have to be a member to do stuff with the club either. In fact, most of the time there are lots of people that come to our meetings and stuff that aren't actually members. That's great. It kinda sums up what YIELD is always about."

## YIELD



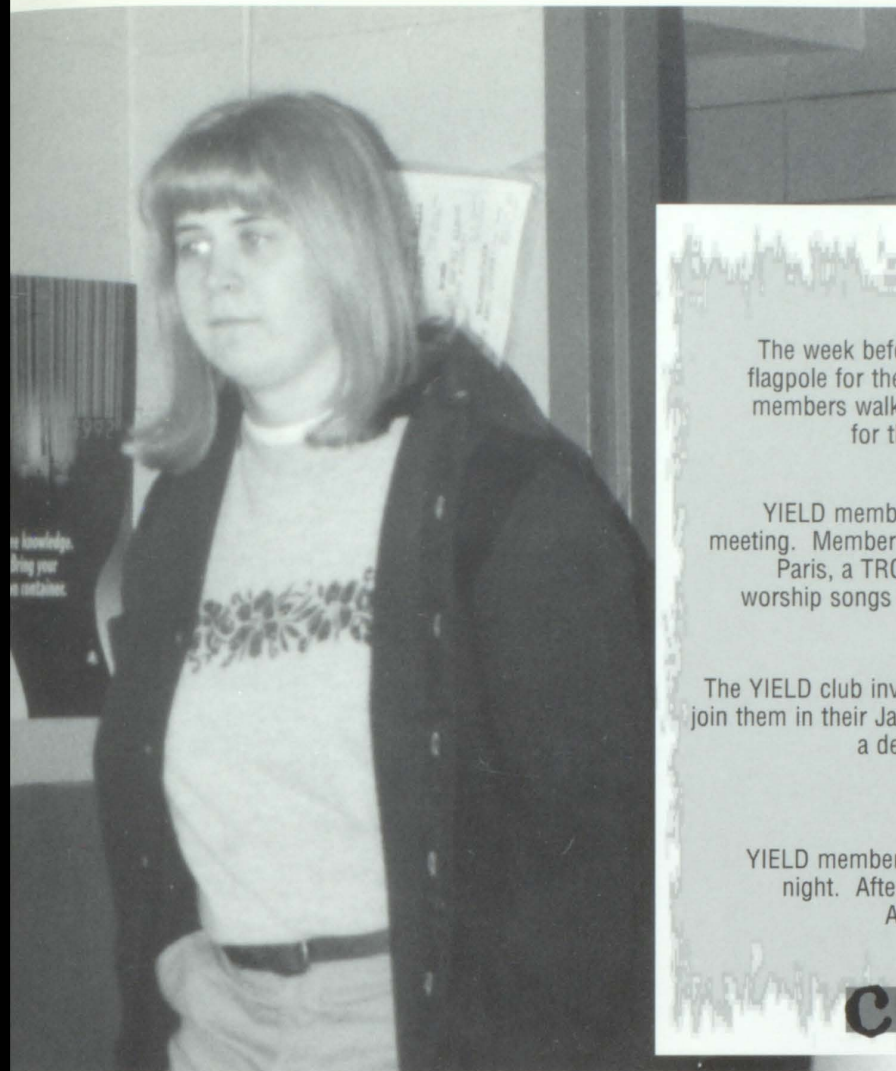
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**Leading** the crowd at See You at the Pole in praise and worship songs, sophomores Lauren Ormsbey and Cindy Harrell clap their hands and sing into the microphone.

**Freshman** Ashley Shivley tries to follow the motions to a song. "I love to sing at YIELD, even though I can't sing very good. It's kinda hard to learn the motions, though," Shivley said.







## key events; saying prayers; learning songs;

### Pray-For-School

The week before school started, YIELD members met at the flagpole for the first ever "Pray-For-School." Afterwards, the members walked around the entire school, lifting up prayers for their classrooms, teachers and fellow students.

12  
Aug.

### Night Meeting

YIELD members met at the Living Word Church for a night meeting. Members participated in games and ate pizza. Nathan Paris, a TRCC basketball player, led the club in praise and worship songs and then ended the meeting with testimonies.

19  
Oct.

### Combining Efforts

The YIELD club invited FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) to join them in their January night meeting that consisted of singing, a devotion given by Rev. Ronnie Webb, and pizza.

25  
Jan.

### Revival

YIELD members met at Pizza Inn to fellowship on this Friday night. After eating pizza, the group carpooled to the First Assembly of God to attend the church's revival.

29  
Jan.

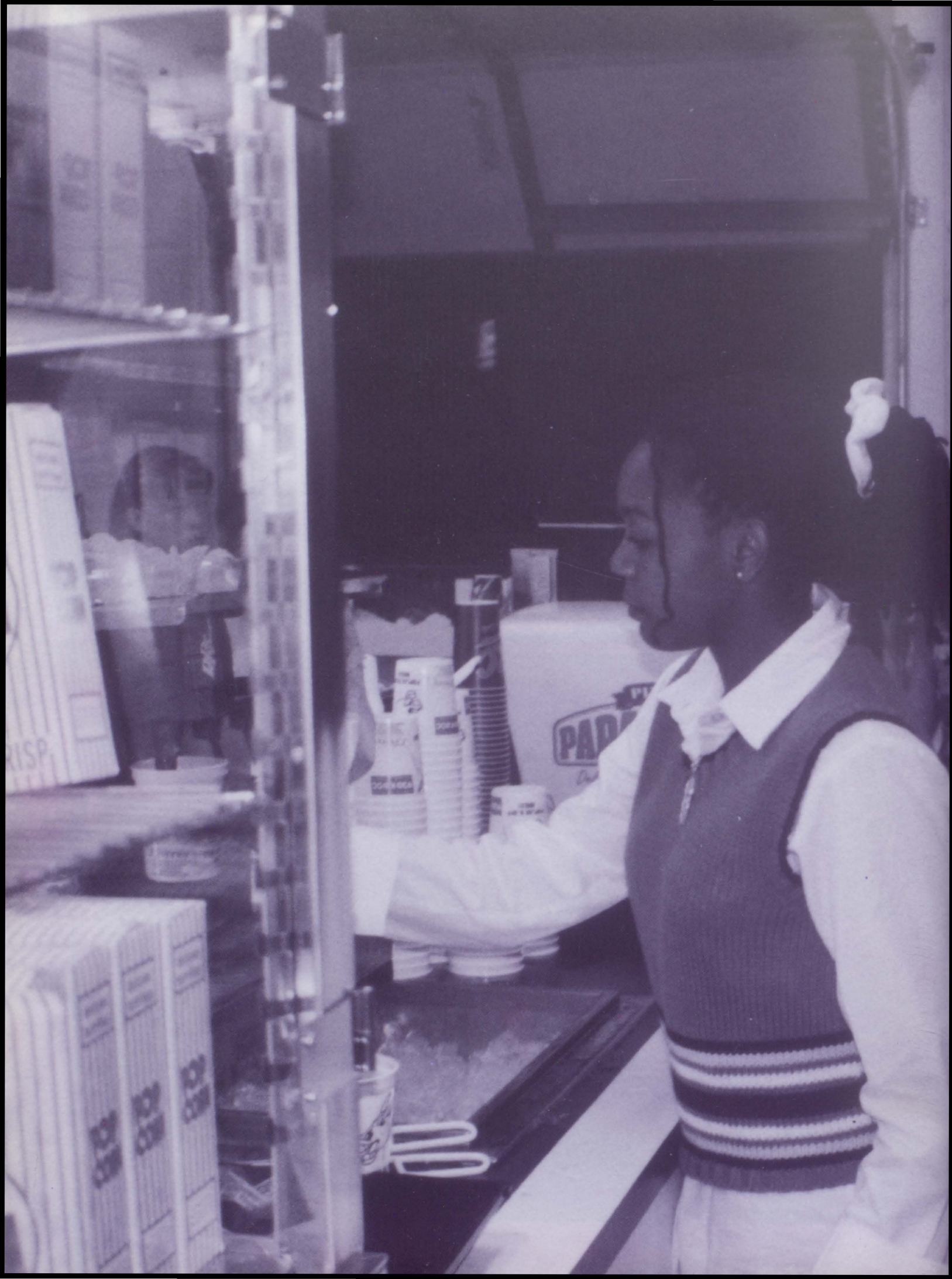
## making commitments



"Blessed be the name of the Lord," senior Lorinda Reed and sophomore Cindy Harrell sing out as they lead the YIELD meeting in a song. Reed is president of YIELD, after being an officer for the last two years. "It is such a privilege to be a leader of a Christian group," Reed said. "I've really tried to get our club to be more Bible-based and help people to know God. My main goal, though, has been witnessing."

Discovering the power of prayer, freshman Jessica Wilson and junior Ryan Policht join other YIELD members in a "YIELD-style" prayer. "YIELD is so great because it really puts me in a good mood," Wilson said. "(Junior) Andrew Mann gave a really great devotion at one of the before-school meetings that had to do with putting God first in your life and it really had an impact on me. We always have great devotions."







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Helping sell hot dogs and popcorn in the school concessions give students more than money in this case- freshmen Denise Harley and Shannon Huett are also earning extra credit in their science class. "I had never done it before and it was fun because I got to do it with my friends," said Harley. Science teacher Mr. Sonny Rickman runs the concession stands and often lets students and student clubs work to earn some extra credit or money for club activities.



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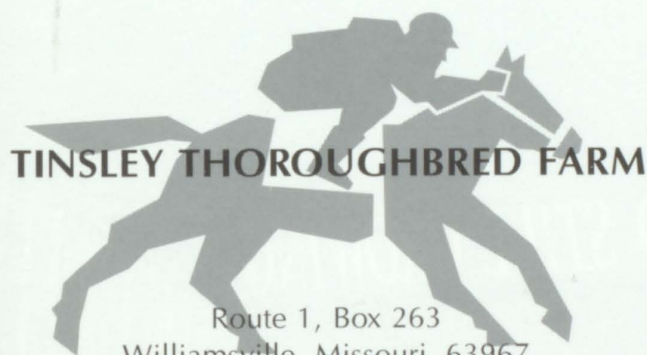
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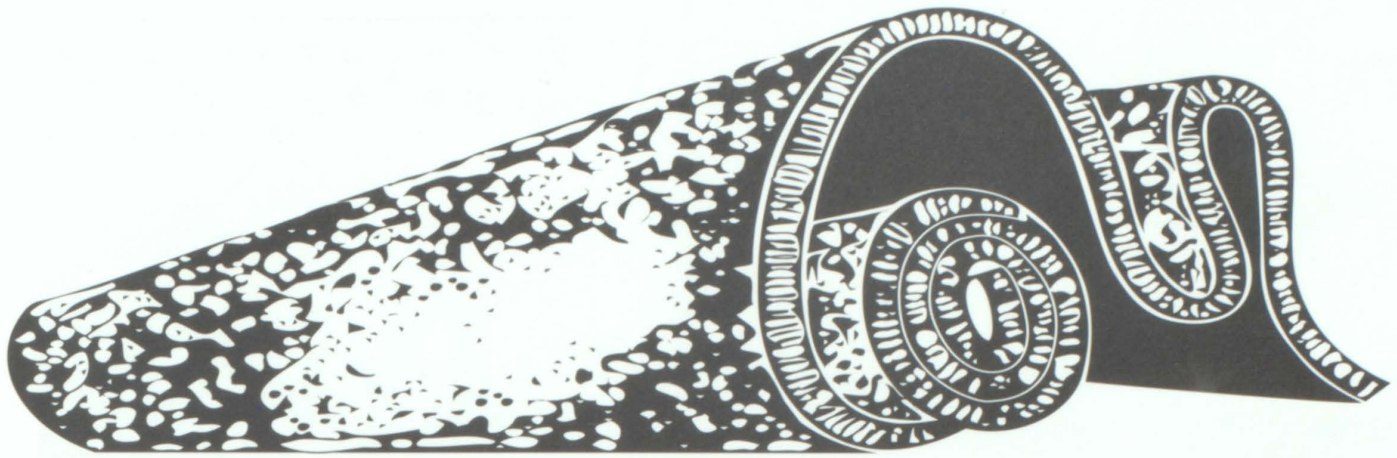
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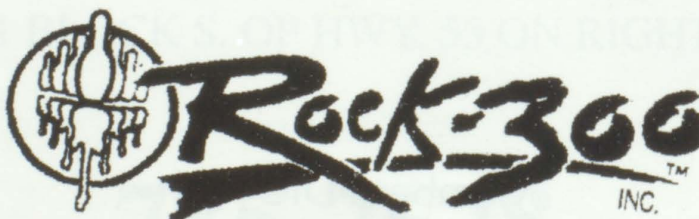
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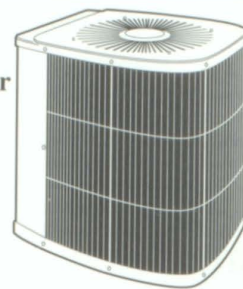
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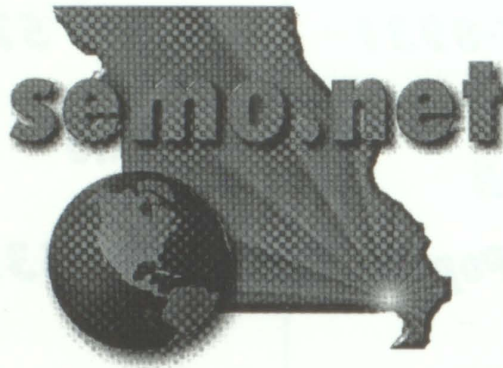
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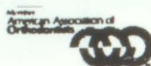
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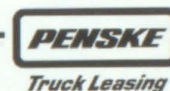
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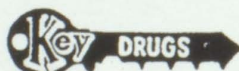


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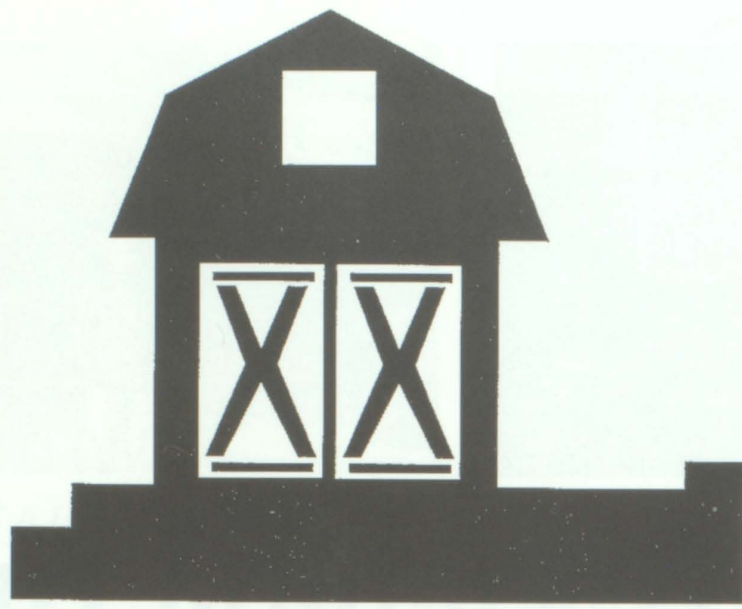
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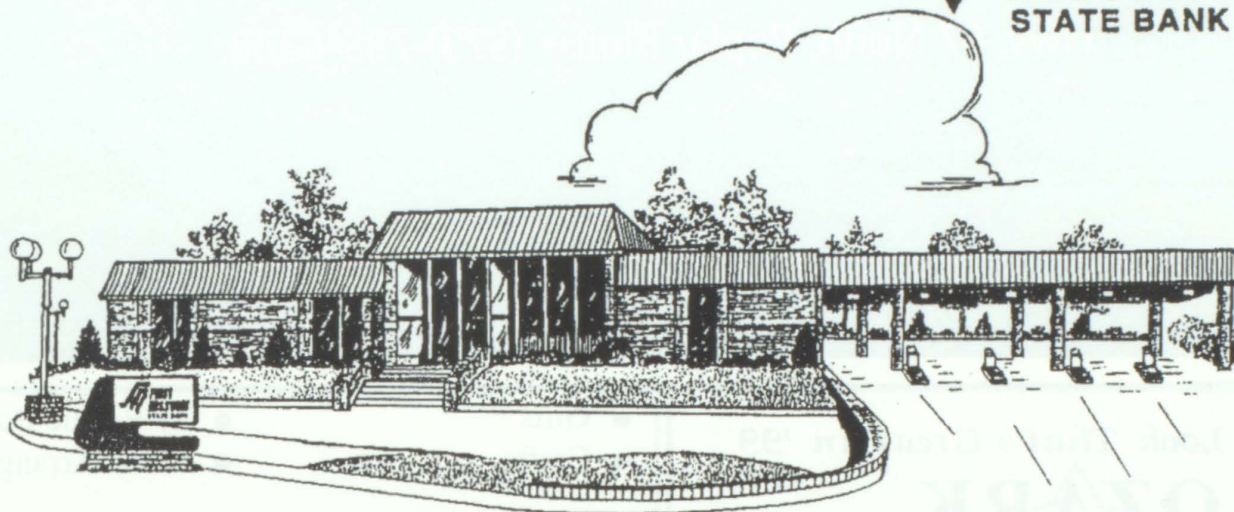
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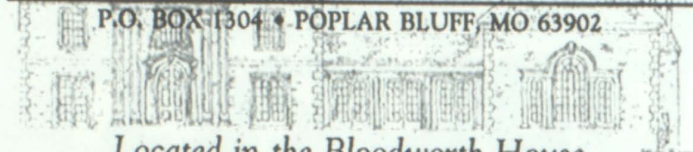
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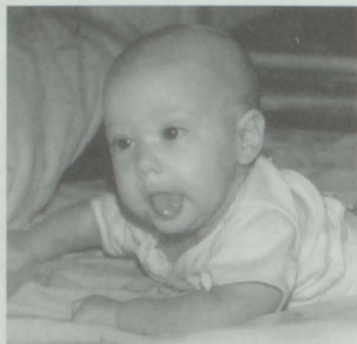
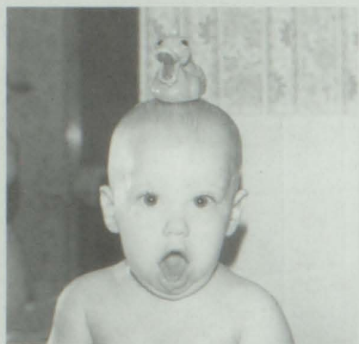
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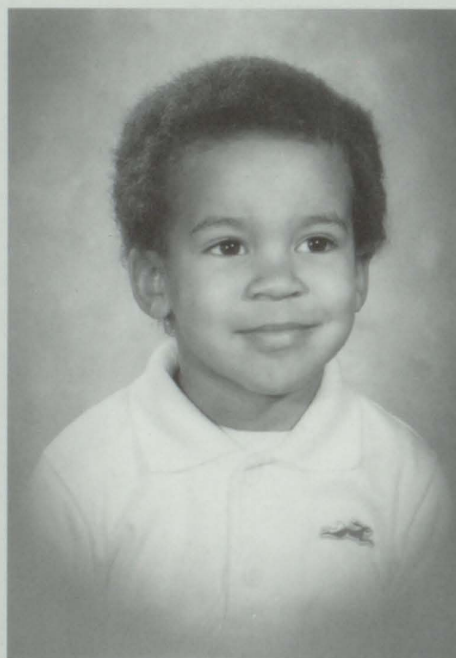
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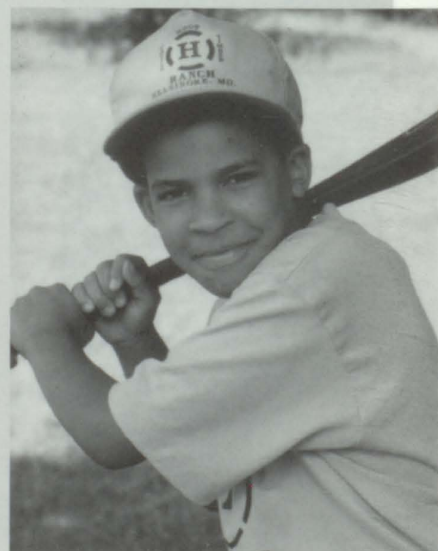
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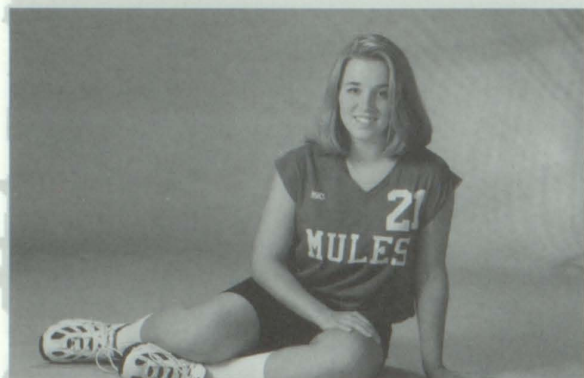
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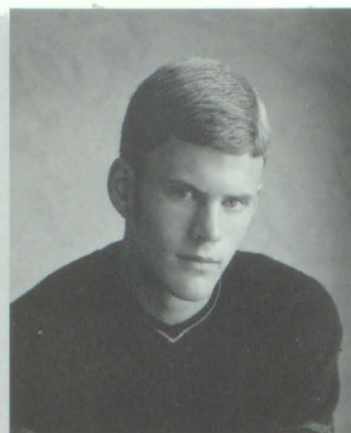
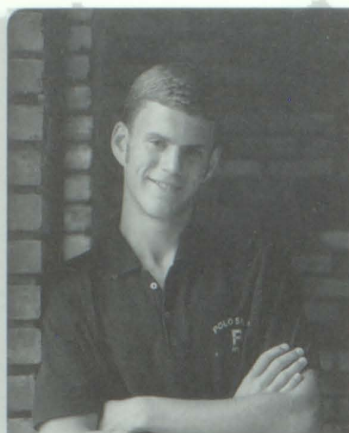
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Mom & Dad



K.T.F. Doll Baby

Deut. 6:4 Acts 4:12 Acts 2:38 1Cor. 11:15 1Cor. 15:52

Andrea,  
We knew you were an angel before we saw your face. You have filled our hearts and home with love and laughter. We're so proud of you. We know you have a bright future in the most important career you could have chosen.

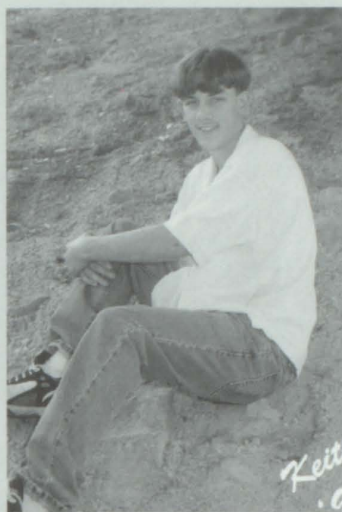
Continue to use your voice and musical talents for GOD and remember we love you and we'll always be here for you.

Love, Mom, Dad & Paul



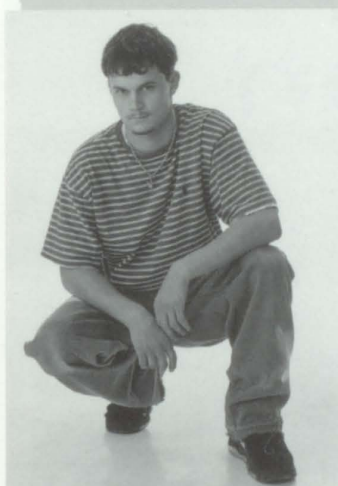
## Andrea Nicole Johnson





## Keith Graham

Congratulations Keith!  
We always knew you  
would make it;  
You have turned out a  
great young man.  
Love, Mom, Dad, and Susan



## Daniel Don Scheitlin

I have al-  
ways loved  
the boy,  
but respect  
the man you  
are becoming.  
You are truly  
the wind  
beneath my  
wings.  
Your special  
angels are  
always with  
you and  
today they  
rejoice. . .  
I love you!  
Mom







## Renea English

Thank you for being so special

Some people just know, right from the start, how to bring joy to another heart. Some people just know how to love and to give and they do such nice things every day that they live. They're always a blessing wherever they go- it's a sweet way of life that some people just know. You're very special to me.

Love, Dad



## Emily Wyatt



Emily,

You are everything a parent could wish for. It's been a pleasure and a privilege watching you grow up. Your charm, wit and great sense of humor makes you the special person you are. We are so proud of your academic and athletic accomplishments. May all your dreams and expectations for the future come true.

Love always,  
Your family



"The journey in between what you once were and who you are now becoming is where the dance of life really takes place." -Barbara De Angelis



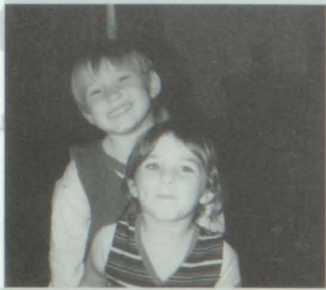
## Matt Dodd

"Children will not remember you for the material things you provided, but for the feeling that you cherished them." Richard L. Evans

For all the memories, the heartaches, the proud moments you have given us, Matt, we **CHERISH** you and them.  
Love, Mom & Dad







Carla Jean  
 Congratulations!  
 We are very proud of you.  
 Always hold your head up high, and  
 trust in God.  
 All our love,  
 Mom, Dad, Chris, Carrie, & Grandma



## Carla Jean Champ



## Katie Crayton



Katie,  
 You have grown up beautifully in every way.  
 We are very proud of you!  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad,  
 Sara & Shannon





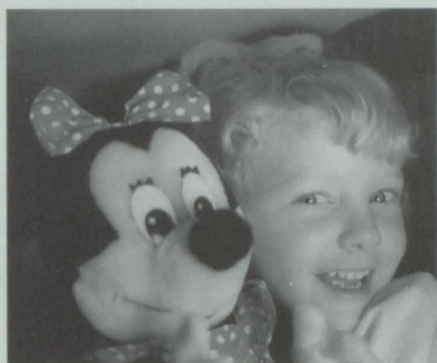
Sis,

You are about to put all you've learned and accomplished in the last 12 years to work. As you move closer to being completely independent, I want you to always remember how special you are to Mom and me, and that we will always be here for you. Remember what is acceptable!

Love, Dad

"for God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." - Timothy 1:7

# Amanda Gillem



My Dear Amanda,

You have grown from my baby girl with long blonde hair to a beautiful young woman right before my eyes. I am so very proud of you and all that you have accomplished. Always remember to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your path," (Prov. 3: 5,6) and "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13). You'll always be my baby girl.

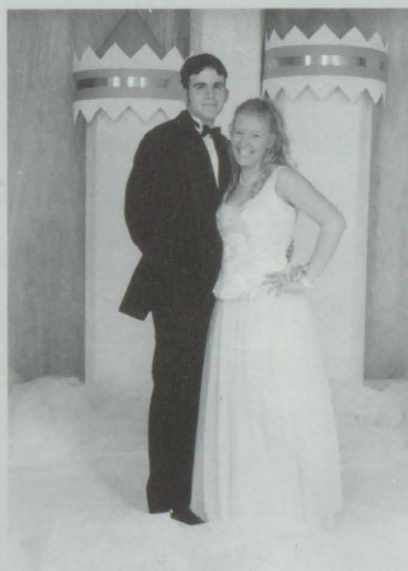
I Love You, Mom



My Dear Amanda,

Being my first-born grandchild, you have always been the "Light of my Life." Even though you now call me Gramma, in my heart you will always be my "Mandi," and I'll always be your "Minga." I'm proud of you and love you very much.

Gramma



My Dear Amanda,

Watching you grow from a little girl into a beautiful young lady has been a great pleasure to me. Being part of it, an honor. My prayer for your future is, first of all, to put your faith and trust in the Lord, then good health and happiness always.

I love you dearly,  
Your Other Grandmother,  
Marge



# Andrea Lovelace



Andrea,

We have watched you grow from a beautiful baby into a beautiful and intelligent young lady. You have always made us so very proud and we know with God's guidance you will succeed in anything you choose to do. Congratulations, Sweetheart, on all your many accomplishments and remember as you pursue your dreams...Do not follow where the path may lead--go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

Proverbs 13:20

We Love You,

Mom, Dad, Lindsay, Grandma Jo, Grandpa Bob, & Grandma Pat



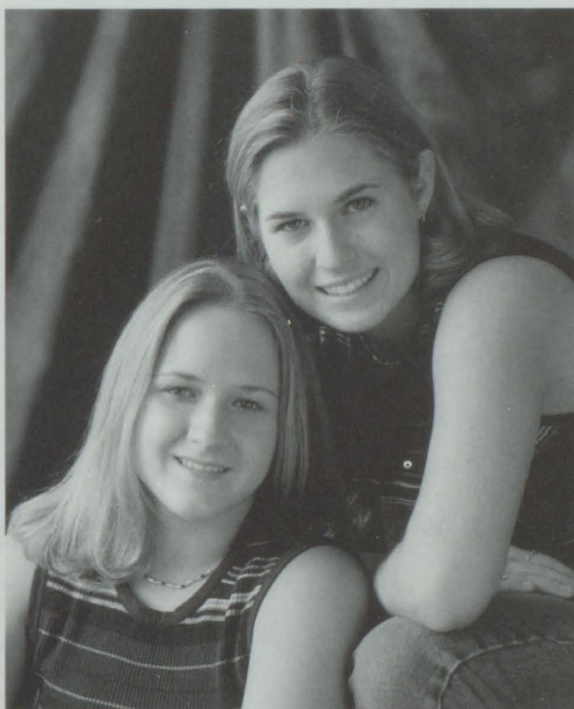
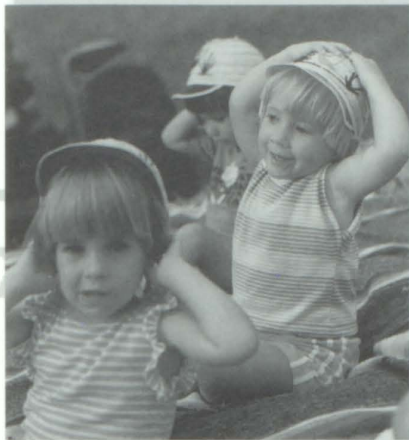


# Becca & Jocelyn Warner

## Why God Made Little Girls

God made the world with its towering trees,  
Majestic mountains and restless seas.  
Then paused and said, "It needs one more thing--  
Someone to laugh and dance and sing.  
To walk in the woods and gather flowers,  
To commune with nature in quiet hours."  
So God created little girls  
With laughing eyes and bouncing curls,  
With joyful hearts and infectious smiles,  
Enchanting ways and feminine wiles.  
And when he had finished the task he'd begun,  
He was pleased and proud of the job he'd done.  
For the dearest joys of Heaven above  
Can all be found in a little girl's love.

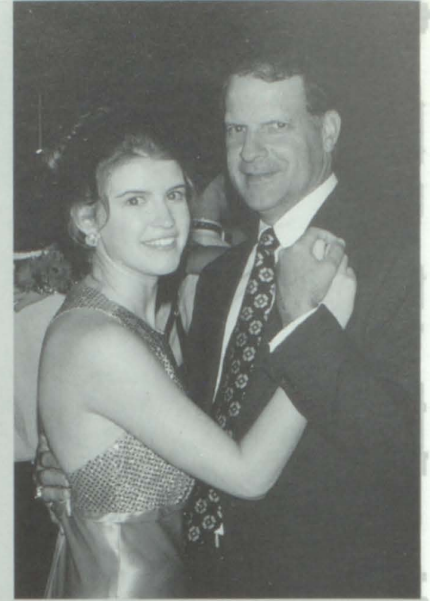
Becca & Jocelyn-  
We love you and are very proud of you!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, & Abby







Daddy's Little Girl



Still Daddy's Little Girl



Sarah-  
In your quiet, unassuming way you have made your mark  
on the world and have been the light of our lives.  
As you meet new challenges, remember-  
*"The spirit to win and the will to excel are always  
measured one stroke at a time."*

We're so proud of you!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, & Tim



# Sarah Jarboe







# Cinda Cochran

Listening to your heart,  
finding who you are, is not simple;  
It takes time for the chatter to quiet down.  
In the silence of not doing,  
We begin to know what we feel.  
If we listen and hear what is being offered,  
Then anything in life can be our guide.  
Listen.

We are proud of you!

Love,

Grandpa & Grandma Cochran & Aunt Janet aka Mom





# Randy D. Welsh



Watching you mature in life has been a pleasure only parents appreciate. Let God help and direct you in tapping your unlimited abilities and pursuits in life.

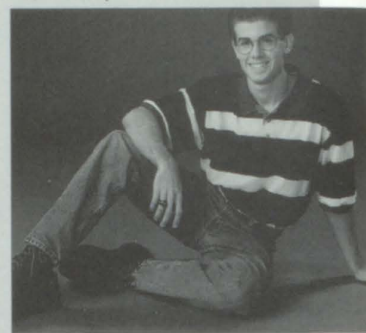
Love  
Dad & Mom



# Mike Doran

It has been a joy watching you grow from a tiny baby into the wonderful young man you have become. We know your dedication, hard work and faith in God will enable you to fulfill all your dreams. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments. Remember, the best is yet to come!

We Love You Mike,  
Mom, Dad, Chris & Buddy



# Elissa Rogers

Congratulations Elissa,  
We Are Very Proud Of You!  
Mom & Larry







# Amanda Murphy

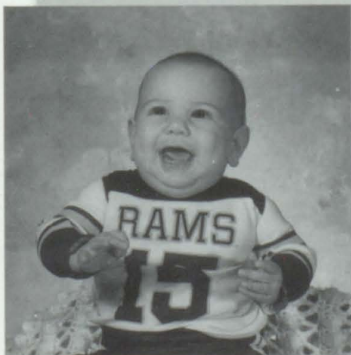
You have brought us  
eighteen years of happiness.  
We love you and are so proud of you.  
Love  
Dad, Mom, & Matt



# Christopher Reeves

Topher, no matter what "team" you were on,  
you always did your best.  
Your family "team" is very proud of you.

Mom, Dad, Lisa, Rick, Cathy, Kevin, Steven, and Alicia



# Justin Michael Kneir

Congratulations!  
We have always been so proud of you and always will be.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad  
Amber & Blake





# Gennie Gieselmann

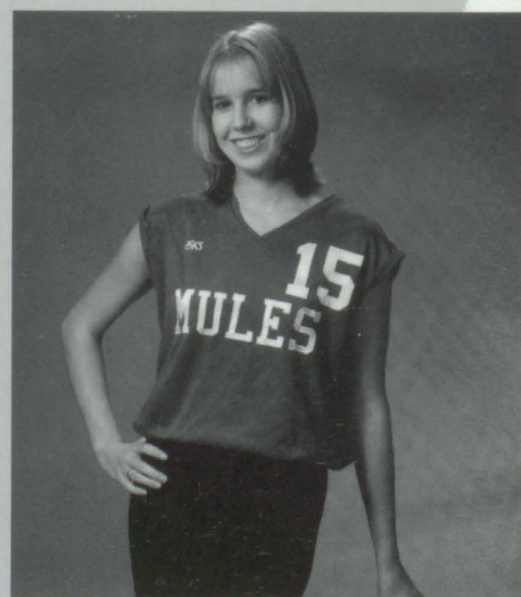


It is hard to believe our  
little "sweet pea" is gradu-  
ating from high school.  
Where has the time gone?

Gone to Kanakuk & Keystone  
Gone to Pisa & New York  
To districts & prom  
To swim meets & beam



You get our vote for  
"Best All Around"  
You get our "plaque"  
You get our "MVD"\*  
\*Most Valuable Daughter  
You have our Love  
Mom & Dad







Where are you goin';  
 my little one, little one?  
 Where are you goin';  
 my baby, my own?  
 Turn around and you're two,  
 Turn around and you're four  
 Turn around and you're  
 a young girl going out of the door.

-author unknown



# Amy Claire Hendricks



To Amy, Our forever Sunshine-

How time flies, taking you from a beautiful baby with golden curls, to a stunning young woman with a killer jump shot. Your future lies in your own hands-may it be filled with sunshine and laughter, and may you grow to be proud, dignified, and true. Always remember to do unto others as you'd have done to you. Whatever road you choose, we're behind you win or lose. You make us very proud.

We love you! Grandmother, Mom, and Tony

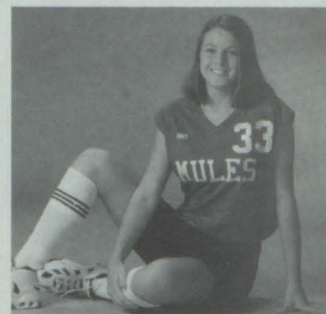




# Christy Rush



Christy,  
We are so proud of you! You have brought a lot  
of joy into our lives. We love you and wish you  
so much happiness. Good Luck with VB. Remember,  
we will always be there for you.  
Love, Mom, Dad & Chad

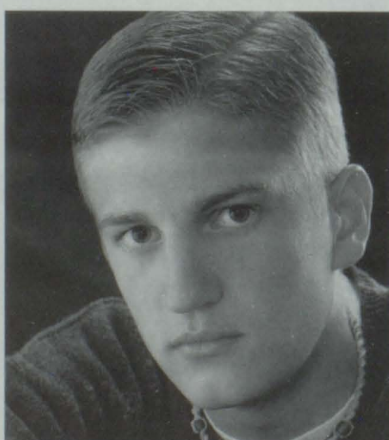


# Jay Clark



It has truly been an amazing experience watching you  
grow into the terrific young man that you have  
become. You have made us so very proud.  
As you face your future, enjoy life, keep your faith,  
and remember the spirit of family.

We love you,  
Mom, Dad, Emily and Andy





# Carissa Selvidge

Carissa,

It's hard to believe that you are graduating!  
The years have gone by so quickly. You have been a special pleasure.  
There are so many wonderful memories, as these pictures show!  
Always know that we are here for you, no matter what.  
Reach for the stars and dance your way through life!!!!

WE LOVE YOU!!!

Mom & Dad



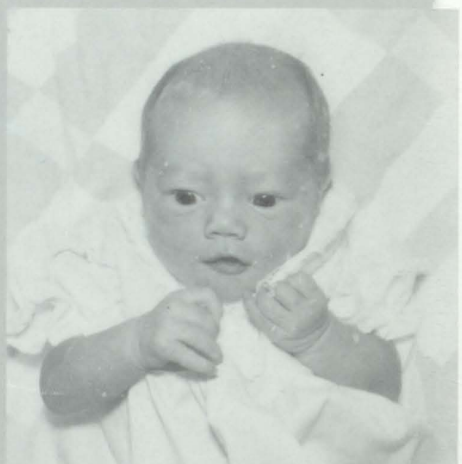


# Amber Renee Burkett

Amber,

From the moment you came into our lives you have been a great and wonderful joy. We are so very proud of you. Good Luck!

We Love you, Mom & Dad





# Eric Duncan

Congratulations on all your accomplishments.  
Thanks for letting us be a part of your life

Love, Mom, Dad, Natalie & Nicole



# Kellie Opalewski

Kellie, Set your goals,  
chase your dreams,  
and never give up.  
We're so lucky and  
proud that you're ours.  
Love you, Mom & Dad





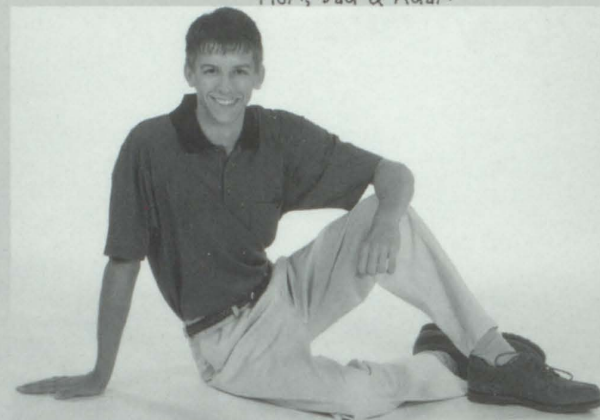
# Dylan Jacob Brack

Congratulations!  
We are very proud of you.  
Love-Mom, Dad, & Adam



# Andy Stuart

Andy-Congratulations! We are very proud of you.  
Mom, Dad & Adam



# Brittney Ann Cox



Britt,-Congratulations! You have accomplished so much. We are all proud of you.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Nana, Papa, Billy & Brandi





# Katherine Farris



Katie-You have brought such happiness and joy  
to our lives. We wish you the same as you  
follow your dreams-  
just remember to smile and show those dimples!  
Love-Mom, Dad & Julie



# Sarah Montgomery

Miss Sarah Jane...

She's gone from a funny little face to a real beauty. She could charm the honey right from  
the bees...our special girl...we love you...

Mom & Dad





# Kerrie Michelle Alexander



Pre-prom preparation!



Kerrie and her special friends



You were always so talented!



Love is "Tigger-iffic"

Kerrie  
Remember that time is ever so pre-  
cious. Keep from frittering it away  
on futile, silly things. But yet,  
don't push yourself so hard that you  
don't enjoy each day.

Love,  
Mom & Dad  
Your sisters, Kylie & Kristen



We never thought at Kindergarten  
graduation how fast time would fly  
until your senior graduation 1999.



"Remember Me This Way"



We love you and congratulate you  
on a job well done!



You were always a little "shy" but always  
had a smile to give.





# Amy Love

Amy,  
Words cannot express the happiness you have brought into our lives. Your laughter and your smiles have taught us many things. Follow your dreams and remember God and your family are always with you.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Chris & Josh



# Lynne Strickland

From a precious baby, through skinned knees and band-aids, to a beautiful young lady, you have been a blessing to me. I am so very proud of you.

Thank you for always being a wonderful friend.

I love you with all my heart.

Mom

Prov. 3: 5-7







## Stacey Lee Berry

Stacey,

We are very proud of you. You have always had a mind of your own and have used it wisely. May all your dreams come true.

We Love you lots!!!

Mom & Dad



## Matt

## Ice

See, He Does  
Smile!!

## Angela Ballew

Angela,

You are such a special person. You are full of life, fun, compassion, and caring for others.

We are proud to have such a fine young lady as our daughter and sister.

We Love You Very Much,  
Mom, Dad, & Michael







# Kyle Weddle Bost



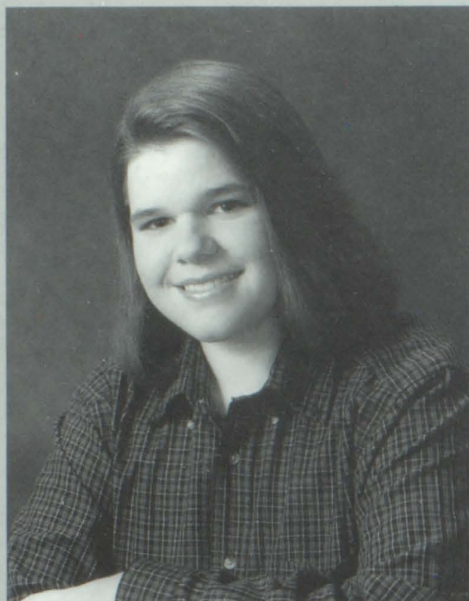
# Shanell Dawn McClure

Shanell- It seems like yesterday when you were our little darling baby girl. And now we look at you and see that you have grown to be a very beautiful young lady. Words cannot express how happy and proud we are of you. We've always had a dream of our little girl graduating and going to college. Whatever you do always put God First and he will guide you. Stay sweet and kind.

Love, Mom, Dad,  
and your beautiful daughter McKayla







## Rachel Leah Pierce

"You have touched so many hearts  
With all the love you have shown.  
You have shared your inner strength  
Through the seeds of love you've sown.

You seem to warm so many hearts  
By just the way you smile,  
And those who know you all agree,  
You go the extra mile.

We're so thankful to the Lord  
Because we know it's true  
That he could trust your willing heart  
To do what he would do."

You were the miracle God blessed us with. We are so thankful that He trusted us with His special gift. You have always had goals in life, even when you were small, so keep your eye on the mark and the race is yours.  
We Love You, Mom & Dad

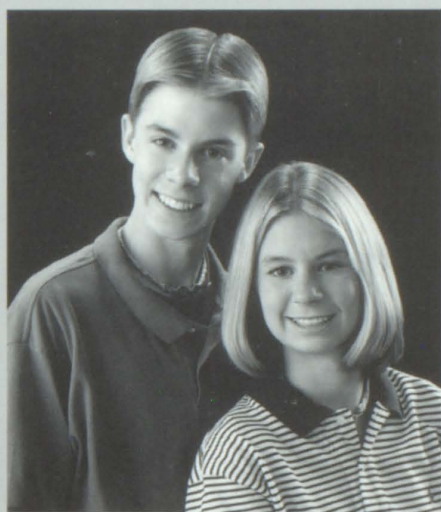




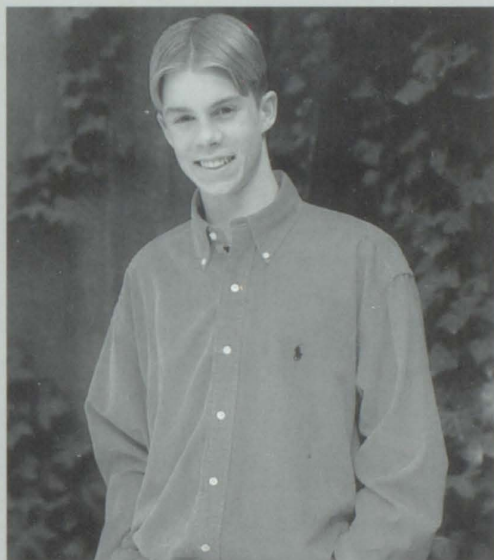
# Jared Fletcher Kennedy



Jared,  
You have been fun to grow up with and  
your sense of humor always made me  
smile-Good Luck in the future!  
Love, Jessica



"Don't let anyone look down on you  
because you are young, but set an  
example for the believers in  
speech, in life, in love, in faith,  
and in purity."  
Timothy 4:12



"Sons are a heritage from the Lord,  
children a reward from him."  
Psalms 127:3

Jared, Congratulations on the completion of your last year at PBHS. It's been a joy these last 18 years. As  
you venture ahead in life take a look at these scriptures once in a while for guidance and direction.  
Love, Mom & Dad



Psalms 121  
Proverbs 3:5&6



# Leslie Talkington

Leslie,

From the precious baby which you began, from Doby to "Moshpa," gymnastics, Girl Scouts, piano lessons, dance lessons, bowling and academics, we all knew you would become an outstanding young lady. With the help of God, the very best to you as you continue to reach your goals and dreams. Our love and support will always be with you. We love you very much.  
Mom, Dad, Mams, Jimmy, Sherrie, Jordan & Bailie



**L**oveable and beautiful young lady you have become.

**E**xcellence you have achieved.

**S**pecial in everything we hoped you would be.

**L**oyalty you have for family and friends.

**I**ntelligent individual you have strived very hard to be.

**E**veryone of us are so very proud of you.







## Eric William Summers

Congratulations! We are very proud of you!  
Love,  
Dad, Mom and Darren

## Lorinda Reed



From your first  
steps we have  
known you are a  
go-getter. Don't  
ever stop!  
God bless your  
every step!

We Love you!

Mom & Dad

Grandma & Grandpaw

Aunt Norma

Uncle Wayne & Scott

Phil. 4: 8-9, 13



## Drew T. C. Proffer



You Made It!!!

We wish you all the joy and happiness in life!

Love, Mom, Dad, Erin, and Chris

We Love You!  
Ponce and Pom

We're Watching Over  
You! Papa and Gamu



# Justin Duckett

From June 25, 1981-the day we were blessed with you.



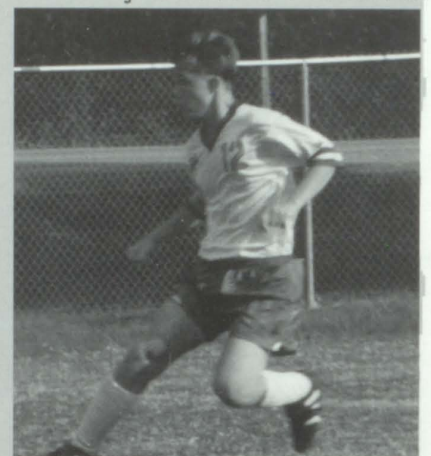
From your preschool graduation, to  
your senior year in school



From your first 3-wheeler to  
your first red Ford truck



From your first soccer team the "P. B. Blues"  
to achieving honors for the "P. B. Mules"



From baseball, to hunting, to Bible drill, and all the things you've done, no parent could be prouder than we are of you.



Justin, we love you very much and want to say Thank You for being a very special son. As you go through life, remember the Bible verse we have always quoted to you, "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength," Philippians 4:13. Remember to always put God first and don't forget we're always here for you.

Love always  
Mom & Dad

Congratulations From Jared, Jeremy & Jonas

Justin, Grandma and I are so proud of you and your achievements and special awards you have received in sports in your school years. But most of all I am very proud of having you as a grandson, friend, and special hunting partner. I have enjoyed the many trips we have made together duck, goose, and deer hunting, and I am looking forward to many more hunting trips with you.  
Love Grandpa & Grandma M.



# Tracy Elizabeth Gum



Love, Mark



Love, Kim, Jackalynn & Delmar

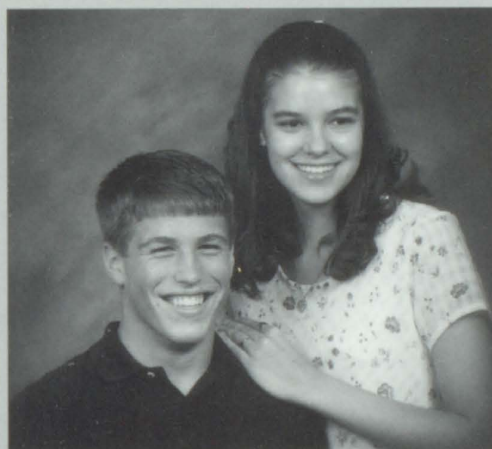


It has been a pleasure and an honor to watch you grow into a beautiful young lady. May all your dreams come true. You have always been the wind beneath my wings.

Love, Dad

Tracy-We're very proud of the young lady you have become. We love you very much. Good luck with all you do.

Love Mom & Greg



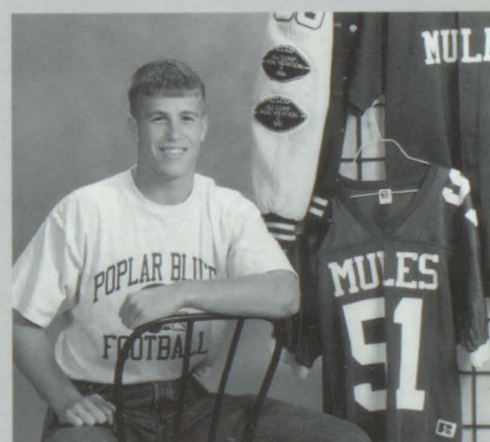
We are proud of you and for the young man you have become.

Much love

Mom, Dad & Landon



Travis  
Huffman







# Edwin Eugene Edwards

III

Way to go son!  
We are very  
proud of you!!

All our Love,  
Mom & Dad



# Shelly Walz

shelly-Good Luck in the future!

We are proud of you!!

Mom, Ken & Casey

# Stewart



Congratulations  
Stewart,  
you're a  
wonderful son!  
Love,  
Mom & Dad

# Nunn







## Christy Leigh Sparkman

Then: Precious baby girl with dreams to be a "ballerina star"

Now: Beautiful, talented, intelligent young woman who will, no doubt, go far.

With Love & Pride, Mom & Dad

Proverbs 3:5-6, 15-16

## Angela Beth Christian



"I prayed for this child and the Lord has granted me what I asked of Him." 1 Samuel 1:27. From our First moments with you, all of our prayers were answered. What a joy it has been to watch you grow and achieve your goals. You give so much to others in so many loving ways. We love you more than words could ever convey. May God continue to bless you in all that you do.

The world is yours "Bessie", go for it!

All Our Love Always, Mom & Dad





# Laura Jane Busby



To the best daughter a father  
could ever hope to have. Al-  
though you've become a beau-  
tiful young lady, in my heart,  
you will always be "Daddy's  
Little Girl".

Dad



You are truly an outstanding,  
beautiful young lady! May all  
your dreams and expectations  
for the future come true.

We love you so much,  
Mom & Russ



Sis,

Thanks for all the things you've done  
for me and for being my big sister.

Have fun in college.

I Love You, Dex







## Justin Magill

Congratulations! We are proud of  
your accomplishments and the  
young man you have become.  
We'll always be here for you.  
With all our love, Dad, Mom & Jeff



## Ginger Simmons



We thank God for  
giving you to us!  
We are very  
proud!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad & Drew







## Bill Tuttle

Bill, thank you for hanging in there and finishing high school. It has been tough at times for all of us, but worth it all. You deserve to be proud of yourself; we sure are proud of you and love you dearly.

Aunt Janette, Uncle Bud, your sisters Stacy and Crystal

*They who know the sorrows other lives  
have known, never walk alone*  
Henry Van Dyke



## Shanna Hayes

You're wild on wheels, a little devilish,  
fun and outgoing, always a beauty!  
We are so proud of you  
and love you very much!

Mom, Dad & Bobby



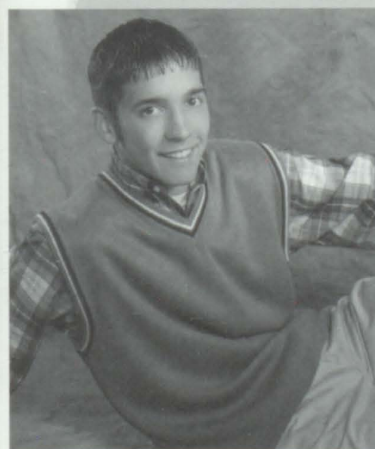


We are so proud of the lovely young woman you have become. We are blessed that God has given you to us. Continue to seek His will for your life in the years ahead.  
Love, Mom, Dad & Andrew  
Psalms 37:4,5

# Catherine Nicole Fox



# Jacob Lee Griffith



Jake, we are proud of you and your Christian testimony. We can't wait to see what the Lord will do in your life.  
Congratulations  
Dad, Mom & Jenny



# Justin Morgan

Justin, I am very proud of you. You made up your mind to finish and I am proud of you. I wish you the best that life has to offer. Keep Jesus First in your life and He will guide you.  
We Love You- Mom & Ginger, Grandpa & Grandma





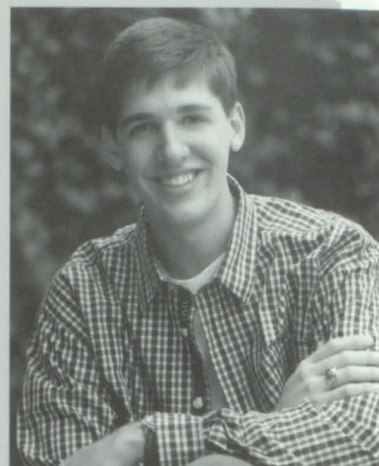


# Eric Kyle O'Briant



Eric, you have always been such a loving child. Soft spoken and kind. Often wise beyond your years and even organized. A move in the middle of your high school years couldn't have been very easy. We never heard a single complaint and for that we were grateful. You have always worked hard and done well. We are very proud of you.

Love- Dad, Mom, & Jeffrey



Kacia-Congratulations on completing the first major phase in your life. We are very proud of you and know we will continue to be, as you are surely to succeed in all you do. You are very special to us (as you were to your Pa Pa) and we wish you the best life can bring.

Love you much-Dad, Patti, Ma Ma & Dave



# Kacia Armes

Kacia, you are such a blessing to me. I am very proud of you. Congratulations!

Love, Mom

Proverbs 31:30





# Kristen Hall

Kris-God blessed us on Halloween 1980 with our precious daughter who can light up any room with her beautiful smile.

You have brought so much sunshine, love and laughter to our lives. We are so proud of the beautiful young woman you are. You have enriched our lives with your serenity and your values. As you take this next step in your life, know always that our love grows with you and will be with you always.  
Love Mom, Dad, Jessie & Morgan





# Elizabeth Alice Eggers



Elizabeth,

If we had to choose a daughter, from all the daughters, from all the world...we would choose you.

If we could change one thing about you, from all the changes that could be chosen...we would choose none.

If we had to pick out something you've done, one thing, in all your accomplishments, that makes us proud...we would choose everything.

We have raised you to independent and honest. The greatest gift we have given you is to raise you in a happy Christian household.

The greatest gift you have given us, is YOU!



We love you very much  
Dad & Mom







# Crystal Ann Leeds



Dear Crystal-You have grown up so fast! It seems only yesterday that you were a tiny baby. We know that you are no longer a baby, but you will always be our baby! We love you very much! You have filled our lives with so many memories, and we are so very proud of you! We only wish the very best of everything in life for you. As you graduate high school, strive to reach the goals you have set for yourself, even through difficult times. We pray that you will allow God to guide you, and that you will strive to do His will in your life. Remember to always set the best example for those who are watching your life.

We Love You,  
Dad, Mom & Larry Jr.



# Jared Allen Fears

Jared, set your goals high, and remember that dreams can come true. You are a super brother, a wonderful son, and we are very proud of you. We Love You-Mom, Dad, Manda & Adam  
"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:6







Rach,  
The time has flown-  
The years sped by,  
Now you're grown  
And ready to fly.  
We loved you then,  
We loved you still,  
Know in your heart  
We always will.

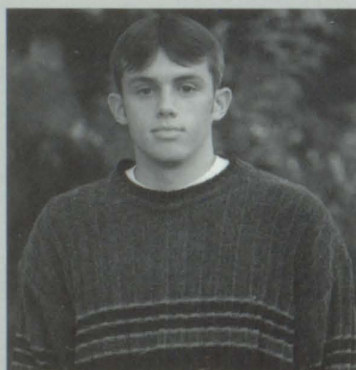


Dad, Sandy, Mary, Mom & Dennis



## Rachel Elizabeth Keeling

## Nathan Micah Thompson



Nathan, we are so proud of  
you! You are our priceless  
gift from God. Always  
follow your dreams and keep  
trusting in God. We love you  
so much and are always here  
for you. Prov. 3:6  
Mom & Dad

Andy, Daniel and Chris  
Remember "You look just like  
your Dad!"



Jim, we are very proud of  
all you have done, and the  
fine young man you have  
become. Your determination  
and ability to succeed will  
serve you well as you reach  
towards your goals in life.  
We wish you only the very  
best in graduation and  
beyond.  
Love you-Mom & Dad



## James Grimes





# Michelle McCormick

Our Dearest Michelle  
To the little bird who  
never stops singing.  
Words cannot begin to  
express how proud we  
are of you. Always  
follow to the "Golden  
Path" and the rewards  
will be plenty.

Love-Grandma Linda,  
Grandpa Carl, Mom & Sam



Thank you for being  
such a special daughter  
and sharing your  
dreams and aspirations  
with us.

Daddy loves you.  
Best wishes, Cindy &  
Daddy

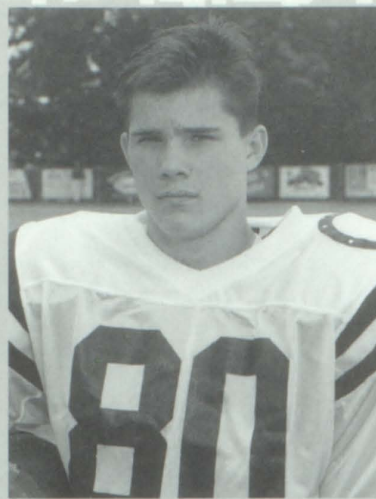
# Ashley Hoja



We love you very  
much and we are  
very proud of the  
young lady you have  
become. May your  
life be filled with  
peace, joy and love.  
Daddy Jim & Mom







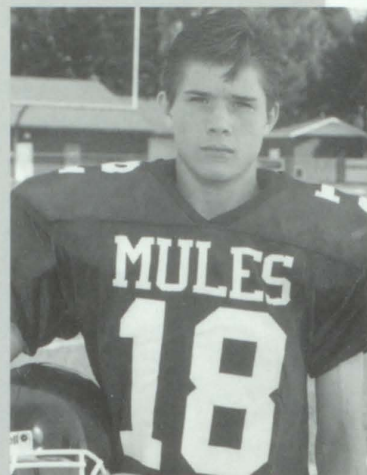
## Justin Traughber

Justin-Joy, love, pride, and respect are only a few of the words that describe our feelings for you. You are a blessing to our family and we could not have asked for a better son. You truly light up our lives. As

you continue your journey through life always remember, when times seem hard you're never alone you'll have God and family and home.

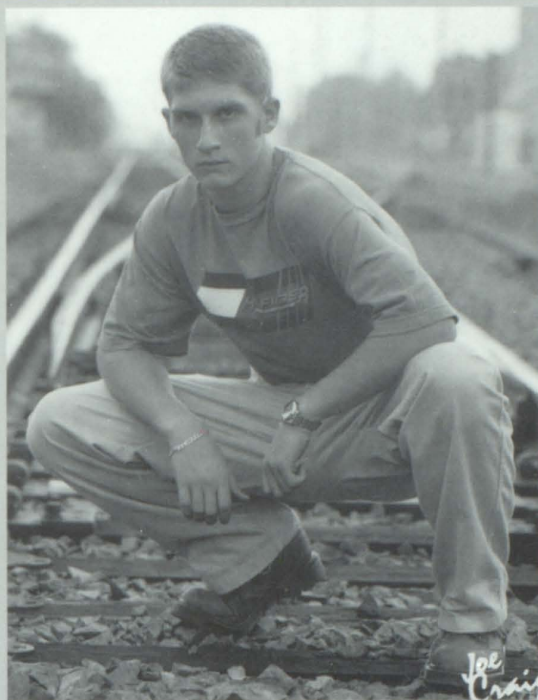
With love, appreciation, and acceptance for all you have become and all that you'll be.

Mom, Dad, Joseph & Jessica





# Mike Burcham



Thank you for all the joy and happiness you have given us. We are very proud of you "Big Guy"! Love you-Dad, Mom, Danielle, Lindsay, Matthew & Lucky too



# Nancy Jane Culbertson

Born in Houston, Texas  
This tiny gift of mine  
To the world one more life  
This little baby girl will shine.  
Day by day she grew  
Every day the more she knew  
First how to cry and play shy  
Then she crawled till she realized  
She could stand.  
Her cries became words  
Her stand became walks  
She found that she could  
Listen as well as write  
So friends she made with delight  
She is still growing  
Now knows her own mind  
She has so much to give for  
mankind  
This young lady of mine  
How bright she is  
In the world that has  
graced you so  
Continue to grow.  
Mom







# Tabitha Leigh Ivy



Tabitha...the joy of my life...I want to thank you for being a treasure to me. I have watched you grow up into a fine and wonderful young lady..no one could be more proud than I am of you. You turned "talking a lot" into a speech award, you made the art of "curiosity" into the discovery of life and who you are. You took your "creative play" and discovered your true talents, and you have directed your "dreams" to formulate your goals!

And so remember my "carpe` diem" daughter...I love you very much!

Always,  
Mom







## Chris Grobe

Your arrival was late  
And your stay was short,  
But you'll remain  
Within our heart.

All too soon  
We'll say good-bye.  
As you spread your wings  
And learn to fly.

We'll miss you, son,  
But remember this;  
Home is where the heart is.

Love-David & Mary



"I'll love you forever, I'll like you for always,  
As long as I'm living my baby you'll be."-Robert Munsch

## Brooke Clarkson

All my love, all my life.-Mom



## Bekah Sitzes

## Monica Brooks



Best  
Friends  
Forever







Gennie Gieselmann



Katie Farris



Shanna Hayes



Kacia Armes



Emily Wyatt



Amanda Hillis



Brooke Clarkson



Shelly Walz



Andrea Lovelace



Becky McNew



Kristen Hall



Amy Love



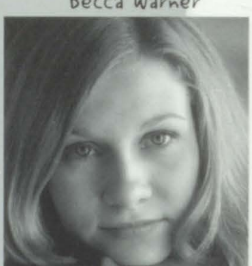
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Kellie Opalewski



Becca Warner



Delana Worley



Laura Jane Busby



Angela Ballew



Jocelyn Warner



Christy Rush



Sarah Montgomery

Friends share the ups and downs of life-understand the "I don't feel like talking" moods and stories that need to be shared over and over again. They help during the hard times, celebrate the really great times, ignore the crabbiness and join in on the silliness...true friends are the best.





Gennie Gieselmann



Katie Farris



Shanna Hayes



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Delania Worley



Kristen Hall



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Amy Love



Jocelyn Warner



Christy Rush



Sarah Montgomery



Angela Ballew





We've spent five years together, some more, some less. It seems like it's been so much longer. We've shared everything, and have become like sisters. Although it's time to leave this place and go our separate ways, we will all take a piece of each other with us. Friendships are forever, so forever we'll be friends.



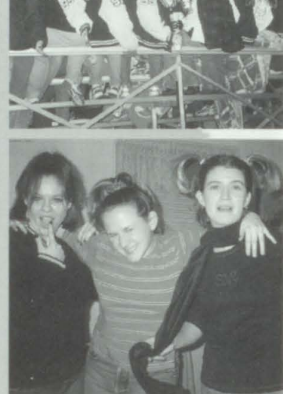
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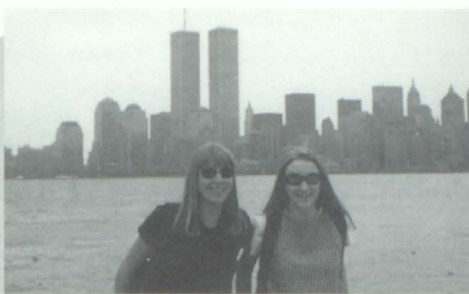
Carissa

Stacey



A's and P's-Rods and Cheese-bikes of Hazard-Float Trip-Dur Restovert-Automatic Windows-Vechickles/Vehunkles-foggy farintedness-The Butt Piece-Schmack-Stupiderist-The Silver Bullet or Grease Lighting-Seven, yes, Seven-Headlights are very necessary-I can handle it-Mr. Foot-Vuodot,fres,yatrac,cinco,celis-Ten minute baby, cool, I only need nine-Dr. Tuni-Mr. Penrod AKA Pinwheel-square dancing in Puxica-Wind it up-Uh-oh, here it comes!-Performance fleece-Makeovers-Spoons-Do I have something in my teeth?-It's not so much here or here, but right here!-Riding Around-Wild Things-The Big, Important Part-Spice Girl Wannabe's-Mashing-frozen Capuccino Objections-Mr. Dew & Lemon Berry flushies-Peachy D's and strawberry Pools-B&G-logs,treeditches and barrels (sorry brew!)-Raie da Roof-circular conformation-Children of the Korn-I'm a Korn-field Kid!-Prom night at 3:30-Yeah,yeah,yeah-No diggity-banana boat-paddle boating-Who needs swimsuits?-MS300-Johnny Cage vi. Johnny Cage-spades winners and losers-bear's tooth-Flashy nickel-You keep those in the closet?-pale dancing-Buja boards-flat tires-heartthrob-Brakes, J, brakes!-dancing-baylight bonni-couch and driveway talki-pulling all-nighters-shadow puppet-Betty B.B.-old/young maggoti-fake b-days-handprint horses-Sundays at the lake-There was a cop?-Oh, gee!-Yeah 'N Shake at 100a.-wrist exerciser-pen lid twirling-You with the...in the...with the blanket?-whoop-ping-lava lamp l-Luggage rection-J's SB(FN)AFU-12 slim-El Nino?-kleenex blowing contest-skanky cowboy guy-Call 'em back!-Good God!-fan-freshin'-tastic-It's a whole Riff buddy CP?-barbed wire tattoo artists-3 coats-raw meat-not-to-be-surprised-fraggle fock-ketchup fortunes-Geek...always go left-the Villa (up the hill)-Wf WDN!-and all the rest...





**"Coop"**  
 "Best friend" is a description that fits you perfectly. I know I can count on you to always be beside me, smiling with me in the good times or helping me through the bad. Your unconditional support is an incredible gift-one that not everybody has. I want you to know I don't take this gift for granted. Instead, I am always thankful for your willingness to be there for me. Thank you for caring..Thank you for inspiring me to dance..Thank you for being in my life..Thank you for being my best friend.

Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some people move our souls to **dance**. They awaken us to new understanding with the passing whisper of their wisdom. Some



people make the sky more beautiful to gaze upon. They stay in our lives for awhile, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are **never, ever** the same.

**"Speedy"**  
 So often when I talk about you, I start with the words "my best friend." I know I seldom tell you how much I appreciate the time and the jokes that make you such a unique person in my life. You know all about me and like me anyway!). I know all about you (and I keep it to myself!). That kind of trust doesn't happen overnight. If I tried to say these things in person, we'd probably both be embarrassed. But I wanted you to know that you and your friendship are a precious part of my life, and always will be.



**Phat J**      **Deborah Bouche**      **Saher**  
 I have learned that my best friends and I can do anything or nothing and have the best times.

How many people can we fit in Sean's truck this weekend?-TP-ing everyone's vehicles...and a certain house-gravel roads-YCBC '98-haunted houses-post-it's & saran wrap-chocolate frosting-getting kicked out of Dairy Queen-dancing around a cart on a Friday night-picking up trash-Sophomore Valentine-parties at Sean's-jet ski incident-mermaid-trip to Springfield-watch out for psycho bus drivers-Why are guys so weird?-Why are girls so weird?-We just don't understand them-getting stuck in the mud-Trampolines are fun!-getting pulled over on Oak Grove & Harper-Johnson shut ins-this way-No! this way-mission 4.3 & 157-haunted house search (how do you get to Imperial anyway?)-N.P-the perfect dude-boom, boom, boom-Let's see if we can flip the tractor-I ride the short bus-What does LEGO mean anyway?-  
 Good times, great memories, Love ya!!

**Class of 2000**  
 As we head toward the future and look back upon our memories, the moments that stand out most are those we had together.

**Mushroom Head**      **Aron**      **John Deere**





# BEST FRIENDS FOREVER

She-ta-  
Bon-Bon-  
Ray-Ray-  
J-me-  
What's my  
name?-  
broken  
doors-  
jumping in  
the back of  
trucks-  
climbing  
through  
windows-  
What's my  
number?-  
runaways-

the van-  
weekend  
parties-  
the  
caddy-Can  
I take it  
off?-the  
house next  
door to  
Shieta's-  
Jami's four  
wheeler-  
Mall of  
Memphis-  
Malden-  
Sikeston-  
Cape

We FINALLY Made It!



Belania-I remember getting on a roller coaster together for the first time. I knew that if I was going to actually go through with it, it was going to be with you beside me. From confirmation and all-night talks, to concerts and mad fights I can't tell you how much it has meant to have you beside me. Thanks for all that you've done for Stu-Co and the yearbook. I have learned so much from you. It has truly been an awesome ride!  
I Love Ya-Amanda



Amanda-You have been my one true friend for so long. As we journey into the "real world", I'm saddened because I know I will never find a friendship as special as ours has been. We have been lucky, many don't even realize that people can connect like we have. If it weren't for you, I would probably be feeling like no one really understood me. So thanks for all the laughs, the long "meaningful" conversations, and the advice. Although we may not see each other every day in the years to come, you will remain close to my heart, and will always be my best friend.  
Thanks for everything-Belania



A Friend Has...Eyes that see the road you're traveling, where you came from, and how far you can go. Ears that hear the feelings behind the words and can sense what kind of day you've had just by the sound of your voice. Shoulders that are strong enough to lean on and so gentle they can catch a falling teardrop. Legs that take baby steps when you need someone at your side, and know when to walk ahead and lead the way. A mind filled with great advice. "I can't believe we did that" stories, and things that nobody else knows about you. And a great big heart that gives, and cares, and understands the wonder and beauty of friendship.



Jay  
Clark

Jay- You have been a great friend and a wonderful brother over the years. Thank you for all the awesome memories. I hope there are many more to come. Congratulations and good luck!  
I Love You!  
Your Sister-Emily  
Phillipians 4:13

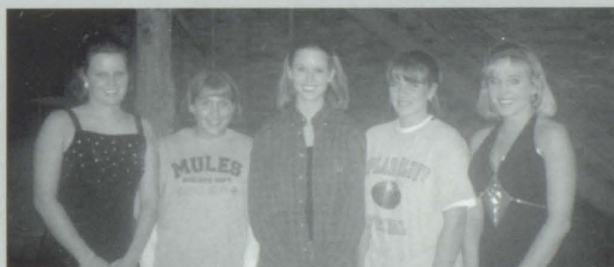
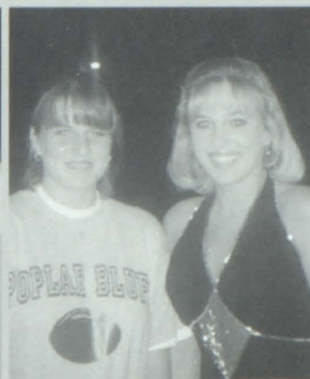
Emily  
Clark



Here is where the road divides, here is where we realize the sculpting of the Father's great design. Through time you've been a friend to me, but time is now the enemy. I wish we didn't have to say good-bye. But I know the road He chose for me is not the road He chose for you, so as we chase the dreams we're after pray for me and I'll pray for you.



"East Coast thing"-The race for Baby Blue-Stolen cooler-Stop!Go! for Amy-Andrea & her men-the flying palm tree-Abs of Steel-Country concerts-The Wilcox Fright-The Costume girls-Waitin' at the car wash-Purple Lips-Scattergories (down-ups)-Homecoming dance-REALLY!!-Marsha, the almighty life saver-Mr. Audio Image-Eric's so-called party at Neelyville-Krame-dog-Sara's deprival-Big Rod!-The full moon-Las Margaritas-Guy bust at Sham's-The Barn (oh yeah, shh)-S.H. Lock-in-Backstreet Boys-Dixie Chicks breakout-Current River-To: Andrea, Love: The Backstreet Girls-The Beaver Girls, SSC-And many more....



**FRIENDS FOREVER-**  
**Amy, Andrea, Erika, Laura Jane & Sara**



Mouse

Fru-Fru

Smalls

Nut-Meg



Shows

Kelly-Belly



Frank

Pat



## S<sup>3</sup>CP Memories

Fright Night-"I can't find myself"-Dipp'n at Meg's-Tower Trippin'-X-mas-Bash-Shom's house-Ampho's Ride-Lunch time gossip-Freaky Trailer Nights-Bec's Wrecks-Crazy all nighters-Baseball players-Party Girls-Clothes-Dink! 5-0 5-0-Jenny's Snack Shop-Close Encounters-Spirit Couch-Secret Santa's



Bones

Treetops



Freights

Jello



Emmy-Lou

Squasha

Becz





Amanda



Rachel



Brooke

Well guys another year has come and gone and soon we will all be going our different ways. But no matter where we go we will always be friends and we will always have memories like hanging out in Taco John's and K Mart parking lots, road trips, Sunday's at the lake, BOAT RACES, going mudding, Pinecone, Horse Trails, Rombauer, Clarky's, Savat's, Herschel's, Westwood Billiards, PROM!!., parties (Ginger), Teddy's Great Snow In of '99, the funnel trick, Terry's mind tricks, and all our friends from Twin Rivers. May we always stay friends forever no matter where life takes us and always keep these memories close to us.



Ginger



Michelle



Donica



# F • R • I • E • N • D • S



(Front Row) Mollie McCann-Sarah Walsh (Back Row) Natalie McDonald-Kylee Pretz-Alisha Ezell-Jessica Kennedy-Jessica Wilson

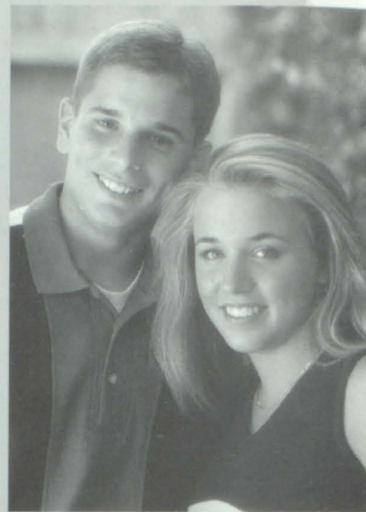




Amanda  
&  
Darren  
Hillis



Well, Dar-wood, I'm  
outta here. My  
prayer for you is this:  
May you discover your  
own definition of true  
"fun" as you go against  
the flow. Thanks for  
all the laughs and for  
being a real friend.  
Love ya-Manner  
Romans 12:2



Thanks for a great 25 years!!

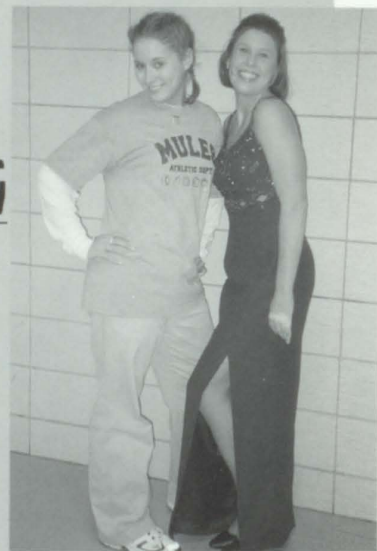
Ray-Ray  
+  
Cacky



Katie  
Farris



Kellie  
Opalewski





# As you retire As you retire As you retire As you retire As you retire

Thanks for the great year! You made running a **blast**!  
-Eric Duncan

You made cross country a memorable moment of my high school career. You have my greatest **respect** and admiration both as a coach and as a person.  
-Chris Reeves

Thanks for all your hard **work**. You've been a great inspiration to me.  
-Craig Douglas

I'll miss those **road runs** to Sonic for drinks! -Cindy Harrell

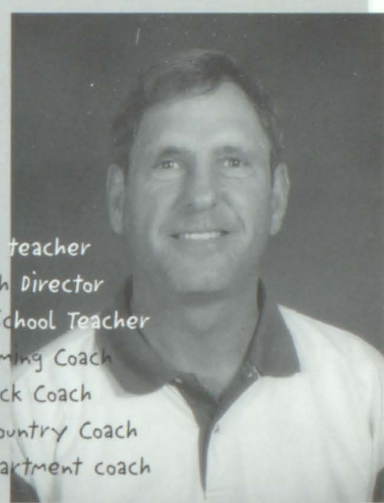
Without you, it would have been a long **season**.  
-Darren Hillis

Thanks for giving me a good **running** start at high school. You've made an impact in my life! -Ashley McCauley

Thanks for everything and we're all gonna miss you. Thanks for being a great coach and pushing me to higher **heights** and helping me reach my goals.  
-T7 Britton (aka Flying Squirrel)

You've been a great **inspiration** to me!  
Thank you.  
-Craig Douglas

P.E. teacher  
Youth Director  
Sunday School Teacher  
Swimming Coach  
Track Coach  
Cross Country Coach  
Park Department coach



## Coach Barry Cody PBHS Coach: 1974-1999

I never would have thought that someone could make something I hate as much as running so **fun**. It just won't be the same without you.  
-Aaron Wheeler

I will never forget what a **great** coach you were!  
-Melanie Smith

I have to thank you for **everything** I know about running. You really encouraged me to always do my best!  
-Shawna Artis

I'll miss **cherry lime-ade** runs and swim parties at Sarah's!  
-Christy Sparkman

You have been the **greatest** coach. You have meant so much to me; without your continuous encouragement running would have never become so much fun. Your encouragement and compliments always **brighten** my days. I can't thank you enough.  
-Elaine Wujcik

You're the **best** coach or teacher I've ever had.  
-Jared Prejean

You're such a great x-c coach. You made running fun- which is hard to do. As a coach you helped me perform to the best of my ability; you were **understanding** when I didn't do so well, you were always in a good mood, you connected with us on a personal level. You became not only my coach, but my friend, and a **role model**. Your philosophy that there is more to life than running helped x-c enhance my life. I will always remember you.  
-Heather Hoja

You always made practices **fun**!  
-Emily Wyatt

Thanks so much for making the two years I ran cross country so **awesome**. My only regret is that I didn't start running sooner!  
-Becca Warner

I hope your retirement is all you could **imagine** it to be!  
-Ryan Heviser

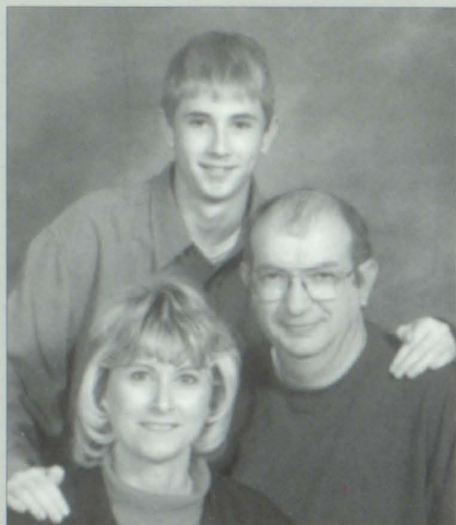
**coach**, you've always built me up and made me feel like part of the team. Thanks, coach!  
-Jared Kennedy



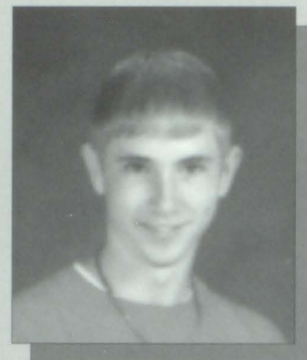
In memory  
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"We may  
rise and  
fall,  
but in  
the end  
we'll meet  
our fate  
together."

-Creed



**Tyler  
Pierce  
McKnight**



November 11, 1982-January 10, 1999

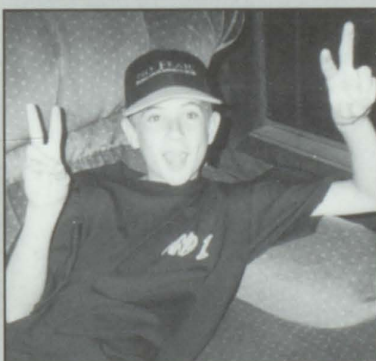
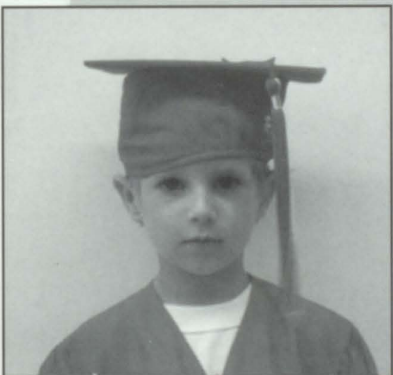
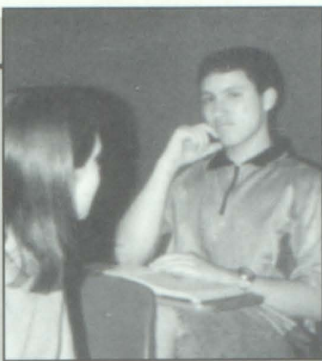


God says each of us is special and created  
for a reason to fulfill a special task. He  
loved us so much that He sent His son,  
Jesus, to die for us.  
We have now released our only beloved  
son, Tyler, to be with Him.

Tyler's loving parents,  
David & Brenda







Some of Tyler's friends:

Christina Gorman,  
Emily McWilliams,  
Cassie Killian,  
Taryn Mattox, Trent  
Howell, Chris Qualls, Bryan Green,  
Shawn Cates, Aaron Badgley

# In memory

*In memory*





Juniors Michael Dancer and Josh Clark of the Academic Team take a moment to ponder over a difficult question as they participate in the AAG's Trivia Night.



Proudly donning her dad's authentic military helmet and backpack, freshman Merideth Condon goes all out for Camouflage Day during the basketball homecoming spirit week.



Senior Jessica Kline and sophomore Erica Harrison pump up the crowd during a pep band performance while hanging signs to show support for their favorite basketball player, senior Chris Reeves.

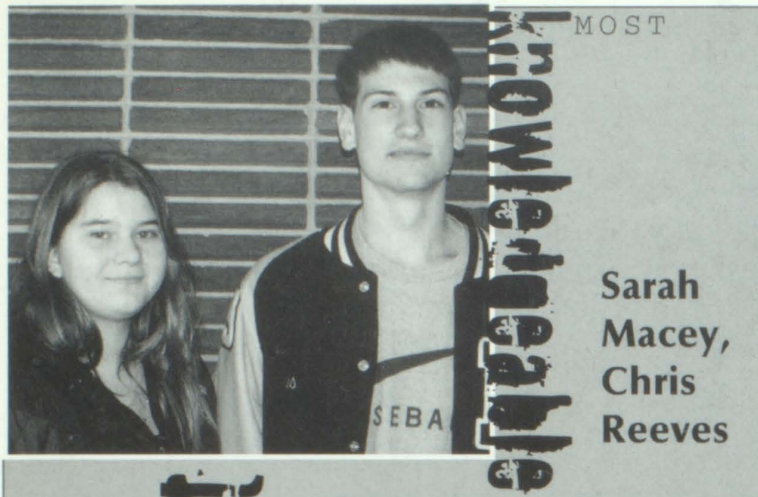


Sophomore Shawnia Allen combats the between-game boredom which usually consumes pep band members by pretending to ride a horse through the lobby of the gym. "I was so hyper that night. While I was dancing, all the people were pretending they didn't know who I was," Allen said.









MOST

knowledgeable

**Sarah  
Macey,  
Chris  
Reeves**



**Sarah  
Montgomery,  
Eric Duncan**

friendliest

personalities



MOST

funny

**Christy  
Rush,  
Swaroop  
Madduri**



**Amy  
Love**

optimistic

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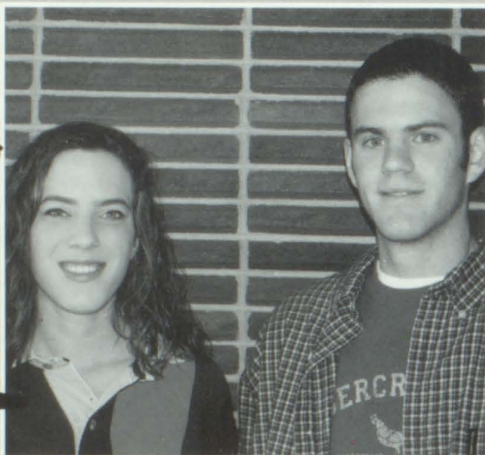
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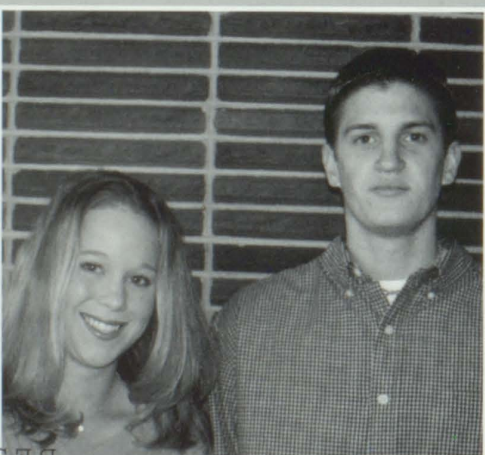
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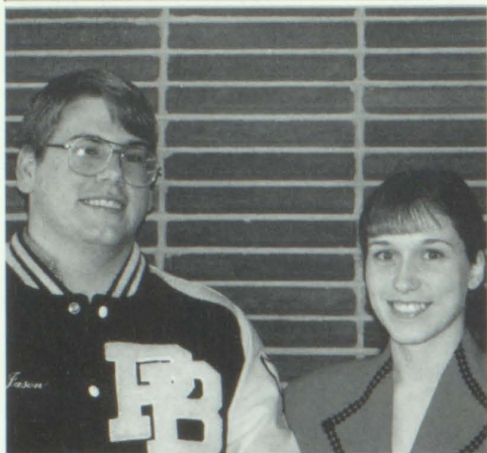


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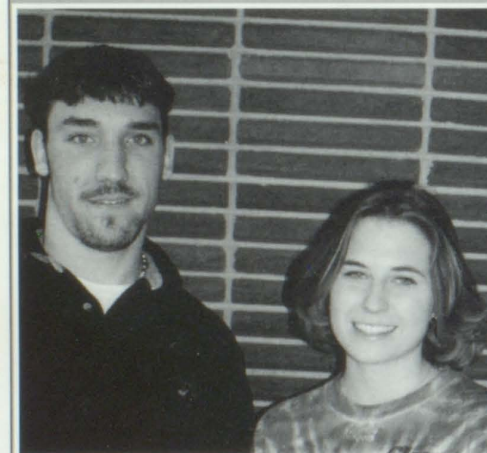
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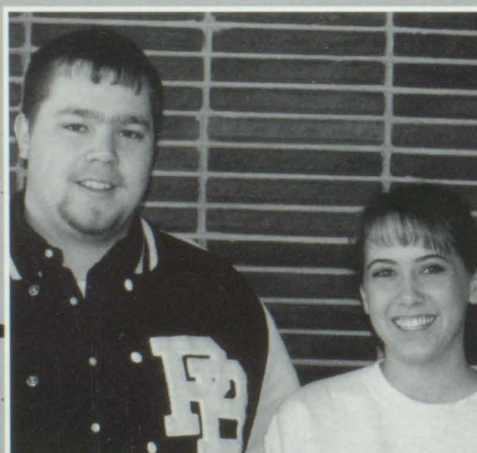


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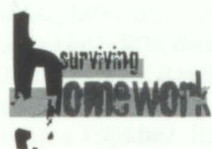
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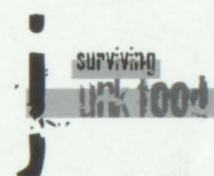
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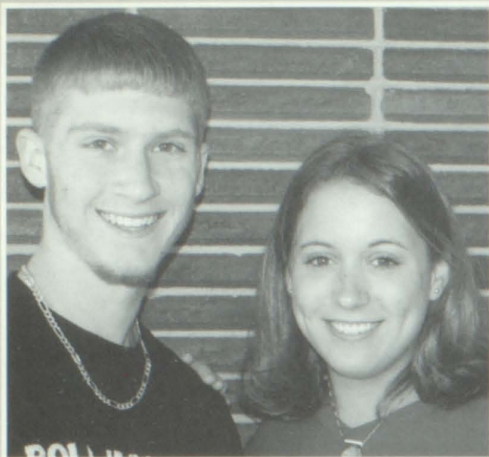


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Burcham**

**Gennie  
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Aaron  
Moore**

**Listeners**



**personalities**



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to become

**pro athlete**

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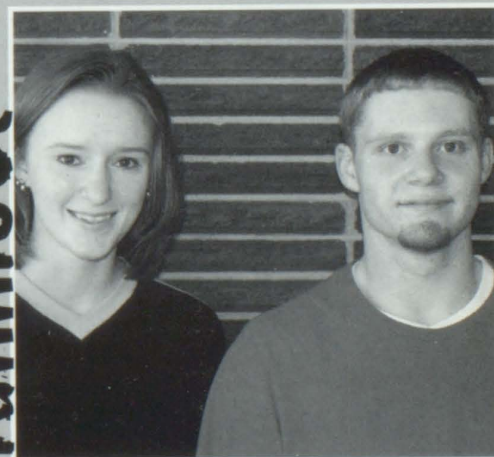
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Opalewski,  
MOST  
Travis  
Kingery**

## **sarcastic**

**Rachel  
Cooper,  
Derek  
Vaughn**



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**Amy  
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Justin  
Eastin**

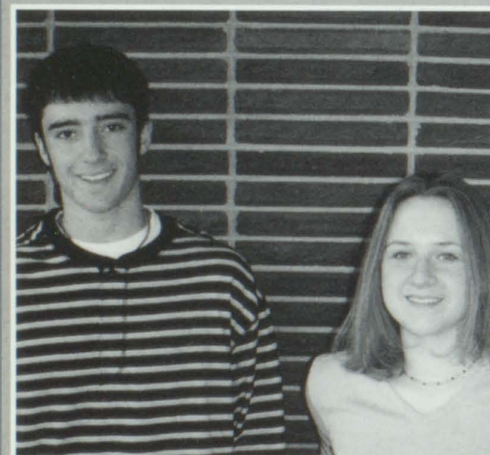
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actor/actress



MOST likely to become

personalities



MOST

considerate

**Jocelyn  
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Seth  
Merriman**

**Amanda  
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Jake  
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all around



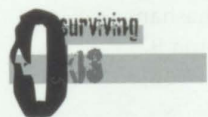
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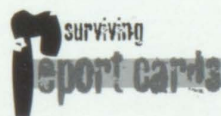


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# effort pride survival anticipated steadfast

Looking back, it's amazing to see just how much we've **overcome**. Some of us learned what it is like to **endure** block-scheduling in science or be a part of the first Literary Magazine staff.

While only some teachers made plans to move to the new building, all the teachers learned how to **ADJUST** to taking attendance by computer.

Academically, we embraced success as the seniors became the first class to graduate in the

A+ program and Becca Warner and Sarah Macey were named National Merit Finalists.

Together, we mourned the death of the third student in two years in the sophomore

class as we **persisted** on asking ourselves, "Why?"

We made friendships **steadfast** as we joined together in our on-going class wars. The freshmen

amazed the rest of the school as they put forth tremendous **effort** in the homecoming decorating contest and ended up in second place. The seniors celebrated their victory in the first class

wars with **pride** after suprising the rest of a school with an appearance of a live mule at the homecoming assembly.

Classes came and went as we anxiously **anticipated** the end. We fought restrictions, developed identity, and redirected tradition. We understood friendships and gained responsibility. It was a year spent learning **survival**.



**R**eporting for duty, sophomores Courtney Dodd and Melissa Denton concentrate on their assigned task - registration. The drama team was responsible for the organization of the Poplar Bluff Speech tournament.

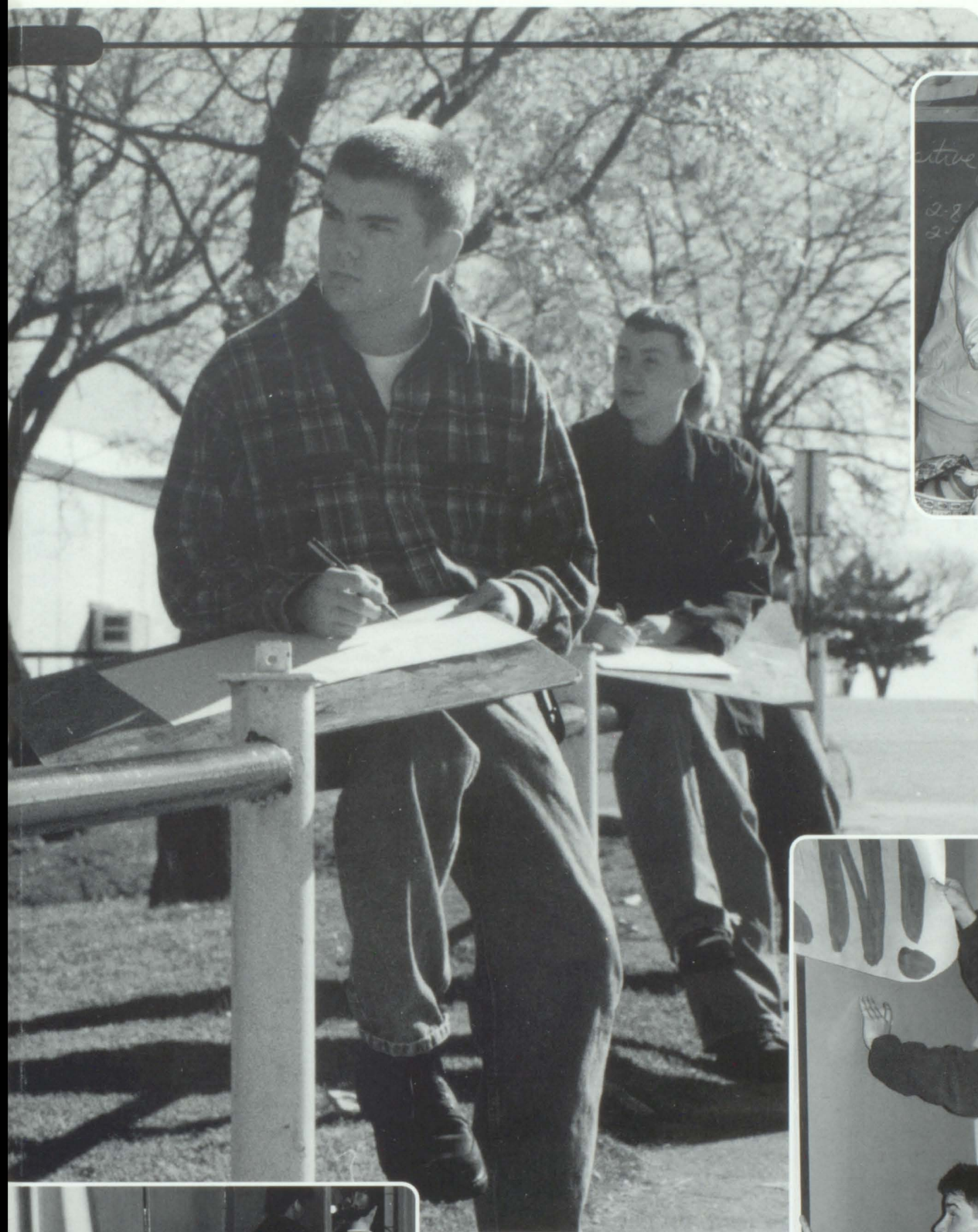


**D**uring Mr. Rickman's second hour biology class, freshman Johnna Douglas eagerly examines the different parts of the worm. "Everybody else in the class hated the worm dissection, and thought it was nasty - especially my lab partner. She kept getting sick. It didn't bother me, though. I even forgot to bring gloves so I had to touch it with my bare hands," Douglas said.



**W**alking through the gym with her hands full, sophomore Lauren Smith smiles as the heads turn to see all of the balloons. "We were going to give 40 balloons to Mrs. Russell for her 40th birthday, but she wasn't at school or at home, so we gave them to the freshmen for their decorations at homecoming," Smith said.





Checking out another student's "sculpture," freshman Lindsey Wickham adds another layer to her paper maché creature. "I'm really glad we got to do that project. It was good to get to do something different and it is more fun than just drawing. The sculpting was pretty neat, but getting to paint it was the best part," Wickham said.



Teamwork becomes a necessity as freshman Darren Hillis steadies freshman Ben Haas on his shoulders in order to put up another freshman banner. "I helped organize the decorating and I made a bunch of signs that we hung up on the catwalk," Haas said. "I was really impressed with our class participation."



Working quickly, senior Jeff Kanell and other art students make a quick sketch of A building from the railing in front of the office. "That assignment was kinda hard because we were given a list of things that we had to sketch in one hour," Kanell said. "We practically had to run from place to place to finish them all."

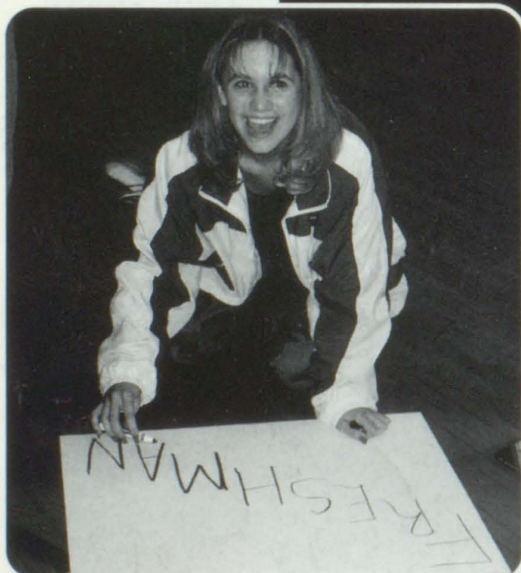
Completely absorbed by the TV, juniors Chris Albritton and Shaun Crook pay no attention to the rest of the class. During the last days before Christmas break, Mr. Slayton allowed his criminal justice class to watch movies. "I really enjoy that class, but I was ready for Christmas break. I was looking forward to seeing my friends coming home from college," Crook said.





Happy to help with some of the work, senior Corey Hamilton carries a ladder over to where he was putting up the Homecoming Court signs in preparation for the assembly. "I think that the homecoming assembly was the funnest assembly we've ever had," Hamilton said.

Looking closely, senior Drew Benson studies the different parts of a cow's heart. "The hearts smelled pretty bad but it was still fun getting to handle and cut them and see what a heart looks like from the inside," Benson said.



Laughing with embarrassment, freshman Megan Myatt realizes that she has misspelled "freshmen" as she makes another banner to hang up in the freshman section at the homecoming assembly. "Rajeran (Geoge) and a bunch of other guys were making fun of me and I felt really dumb. It was fun decorating except that I had to blow up like 100 balloons to put in our balloon drop," Myatt said.



At the annual BYOB (Bring Your Own Banana) meeting, juniors Elizabeth Polich, Saher Choudary, Brooke Lewis, and Sean Sutton attempt to eat a banana split with their hands tied to each other. "It was really fun and pretty messy, too. It was supposed to teach us teamwork," Sutton said.

In their final appearance at the basketball homecoming, lettermen Luke Moore, Eric Duncan, Kyle Walsh, Jared Kennedy, and Rajeran George pump up the senior section by leading them with the spirit stick. This was the first time George and Moore have participated as lettermen. "I had to substitute for Jeff (Hicks) and it was good to make a statement for the juniors. I'm really looking forward to being a letterman next year, too," George said.





looking back and moving on

# access survival building decisions

So now we look on to what lies ahead and we realize how much the things that we have learned will guide us as we go. We go out into the technological world with internet *experience*, as we were equipped with internet *access* in each of the classrooms this year.

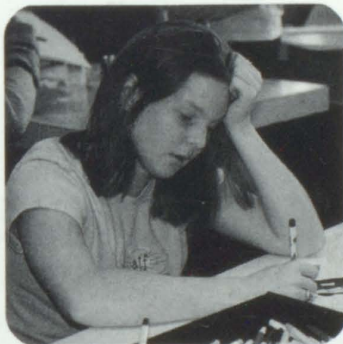
To all but the seniors, the *anticipation* of the new building and theatre and the return of the class wars adds excitement to the thought of next year. As for the seniors, they set out to find where the path may take them after a long year of applications and *decisions*. We have *learned* so much. Our friendships have brought us laughter and tears and we have

learned what can sometimes lie behind a smile. After *discovering* how shaky tomorrow's promises are we have learned to depend on nothing but today. We have learned how rare a true friend is and how precious laughter can be. The things that we have *endured* here this year stand as *building* blocks for what is to come...not to be forgotten, but simply built upon. With so many valuable lessons learned, this year has been -

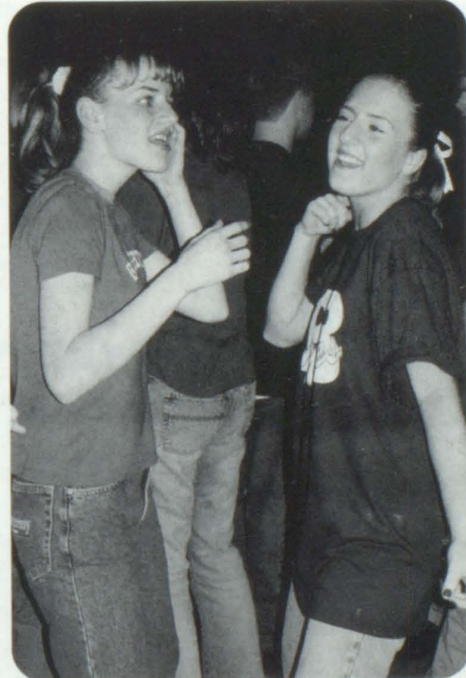
a crash course in  
*survival*.



Adding a little color, freshman Sarah Walsh puts on the finishing touches of the decorated freshman section with crepe paper. "We really went all out with the decorating and everyone put in 100%. This is definitely the mark of a new beginning!" Walsh said. "It was really cool getting to decorate with everyone until I got stuck in our balloon netting. I was in there for like 15 minutes and no one would help me so I finally had to crawl out."



Senior Amanda Dobbs joins other TREND club members in writing a letter to her fourth grade Pen PAL (Positive Attitude Leader) at Lake Road.



Making the best of the homecoming dance after the game, freshmen Stephanie Woodsmall and Jessica Hogg celebrate their second place in the Class Wars decorating competition. "The dance was a blast. The dances here are so much more fun than they were in Jr. High. I think all the freshmen looked cool with our Mules shirts that we all had made," Woodsmall said. "It showed that we actually have school spirit."



# SURVIVAL

Survival . . . what an understatement.  
Survival is:

- chasing after a FedEx truck at 4:59
- finding a single writing utensil in room 26
- singing to the printer until it finally prints
- blocking out the rest of the disaster area
- keeping Mrs. Brown's attention for more than two seconds
- taking more pictures than passes Mrs. Brown has written (we love you, Abby)
- becoming one with the computer

Our four years here have been short-lived but well-spent. Both the yearbook and our high school lives have come down to the last page and we can hear the future calling us loud and clear, louder to some than others, of course. So we move on, knowing that every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end. We've got all our life to live. We've got all our love to give. We will survive.

We've got **two** words for you, PBHS...  
good-bye!

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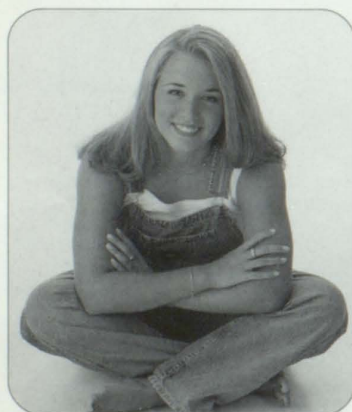
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- There were 1000 books printed for distribution.
- The total cost of this yearbook was \$35,000.
- This is the first year The Bluff has used pictures printed in duotone (pgs. 10-11, 26-27, 54-55, 74-75, 132-133).
- This is only the second year that the cover has been student-designed. This year's cover was designed by Amanda Hillis and Delania Worley.
- The Bluff has been printed since 1919.
- The Bluff received support from 182 businesses through ads.
- The entire book was produced with five working computers, one printer, two zip drives, one cropper, and two pens.
- This is the first time The Bluff has had a full-time photographer.
- The Bluff went through nearly 150 rolls of film.
- By taking two hundred pictures on 200 speed film, we have only captured one second of time.

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Jocelyn Warner

In what seems like a moment's time, I have outgrown the familiar surroundings of my life. Though my accomplishments and experiences have flown by in a whirlwind of events, they have touched me forever and are my source of courage and belief in myself. The people I have known have shaped my life to its fullest potential and have made me who I am today. They will remain unchanged in my memory and heart."

### ASSISTANT EDITOR



### MANAGING EDITOR

"Many people say that as we leave high school we will be entering the 'real world,' but I have a hard time believing that these past four years have simply been practice. I have built and broken relationships; fought and accepted change; and gripped and lost success. My world has been real. I will always look back and sigh, but now... move on with a smile."



Rachel Cooper

In the past four years there are those who have given me memories I will keep eternally. Thanks to them I boldly face the future. When misfortune tries to chase me into the unknown, I will wait for it behind a corner holding a big stick. Opportunity is the game that dances in front of me, and it is my turn. With a song in my head and a spring in my step I go, knowing that life is a lively tune, and I am inspired to dance."

### BUSINESS EDITOR



### ASSISTANT EDITOR

"I feel that my experience here has prepared me for what's ahead. I have learned to stand up for what I believe in, no matter how many are against me; to keep trying, no matter how bad I fail; and to overlook those who aren't what they appear to be on the outside. I feel that I have been true to myself and to others. I know who I am and what I want, and I'm on my way to fulfill my dreams."

Delania Worley















"The  
ultimate  
value of life  
depends upon  
awareness and  
the power of  
contemplation  
rather than  
upon mere  
survival."

Aristotle  
(384-322 B.C.)